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HOW ITALY IS FARING.

ALL-ROUND CUT IN WAGES AND SALARIES.

MUSSOLINI'S GOVERNMENT FACED WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

Rome, December, 1930.—Now that the general wave of depression in business and finance has spread over the Alps into Fascist Italy, the régime is faced with a burden of discontent that recalls those uncertain months in 1924 after the death of Matteotti. Italy, like all her neighbours, is having her share of bank failures, of big and small business crashes, and of large increases in the numbers of unemployed, but, owing to the carefully censored Press, these things are like needles in the haystack of gloomy reports from England, America, France, and Germany of strikes, bank failures, and riots. There is an element of truth in the official "scoldings" that are meted out from time to time by the Foreign Office here to the foreign journalist when he is accused of delving for "defeatist" news. It needs infinite patience to find anything but optimistic news about all that is going on in Italy, and often it is only in conversation with those

directly concerned with her daily political and financial life that any idea of the problem can be obtained.

Government Salaries Reduced.

While the depression was arriving the Press was busy with vivid descriptions and photographs of its reactions in other countries. But it was inevitable that the finances of the country should feel the strain, and in the middle of November it was decided to make a big all-round cut in salaries and wages. Government employees, including the thousands of men and women who run the machinery of the Corporate State, had their salaries reduced by 12 per cent. A year and a half ago, just before the plebiscite, these salaries had been raised by 10 per cent. Christmas and New Year were only six weeks ahead, and the cut for men whose average income is about £150 a year was very severe. There followed a bold attempt to reduce the cost of living, not by law, as the salaries

had been reduced, but by manifestos and incitements to reduce in the interests of the national good.

This campaign for the reduction of the cost of living is tending to degenerate into a tyranny of police and dissatisfied wage-earners over the shopkeepers, landowners, and employers. Never before have the Roman shops been so pestered over with announcements of "Ribassi," but, as a Government employee told me, the necessities of life have really only come down by about 9 per cent., and, with the exception of bread, milk, and rents, prices show signs of going up again. The margin of 4 per cent. between wage and price reduction represents a hard loss in a city of Government employees like Rome.

Political Reaction.

Elsewhere, since the workers' and agricultural labourers' wages were ordered to be reduced by 8 per cent., there are similar difficulties, because these wages in Italy are already extremely low (it is not unusual in the country to find men working for 1s. and 1s. 6d. a day).
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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.

(January 23.)

Queen's Theatre: "Atlantic."
World Theatre: "Love and Duty"
Part 2 (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Black Magic."
Central Theatre: "Mamba."
Prize Distribution at Yau-mai School, 11 a.m.
Cabaret Dinner Dance: York-shiremen's Society, 8 p.m.
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and H.K. Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

European Mail.—Inward: Europe via Negapatam (Hakone Maru).
Outward: Europe via Siberia (Hakone Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Saturday.

(January 24.)

Queen's Theatre: "Atlantic."
World Theatre: "Love and Duty"
Part 2 (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "Black Magic."
Central Theatre: "Mamba."
Cricket:—Division I.: Hong

Kong C.C. v. Civil Service (L.),
Indian R.C. v. Navy (F.); Division
II.: University v. Police (L.),
Royal Engineers v. Indian R.C.
(L.). Civil Service v. Hong Kong
C.C. (L.).

Football.—Division I.: Chinese
v. St. Joseph's, Club v. S. China,
Police v. Kowloon, Borderers v.
Highlanders, Royal Artillery v.
Recreio. Division II.: Navy v.
Eastern, St. Joseph's v. University,
Chinese v. Club, S. China v. Borderers,
Kowloon v. Recreio, Royal
Artillery v. Highlanders, Division
III.: R.A.S.C. v. S. China, Borderers
v. R.A.O.C., Royal Engineers
v. Royal Air Force, Chinese
v. Ewo.

Rugby.—Club v. Army (Happy Valley).

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: Peninsula and
Hong Kong Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
European Mail.—Outward:
Europe via Suez (Katori Maru),
5.30 a.m.
Burn's Night Dinner: Lane,
Crawford's, 8 p.m.

Sunday.

(January 25.)

Queen's Theatre: "Call of the
Flesh."
World Theatre: "Love and Duty"
Part 2 (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "It Can Be Done."
Golf: Exhibition match Cruik-
shank & Mohrhorn v. Local Am-
ateurs, Fanning, 2.20 p.m.
Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet,
Pine Tree Hill.
Tea Dance: Repulse Bay Hotel,
4.30 p.m.

Monday.

(January 26.)

Queen's Theatre: "Call of the
Flesh."
World Theatre: "Love and Duty"
Part 2 (Chinese picture).
Star Theatre: "It Can Be Done."
Central Theatre: "Mamba."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and
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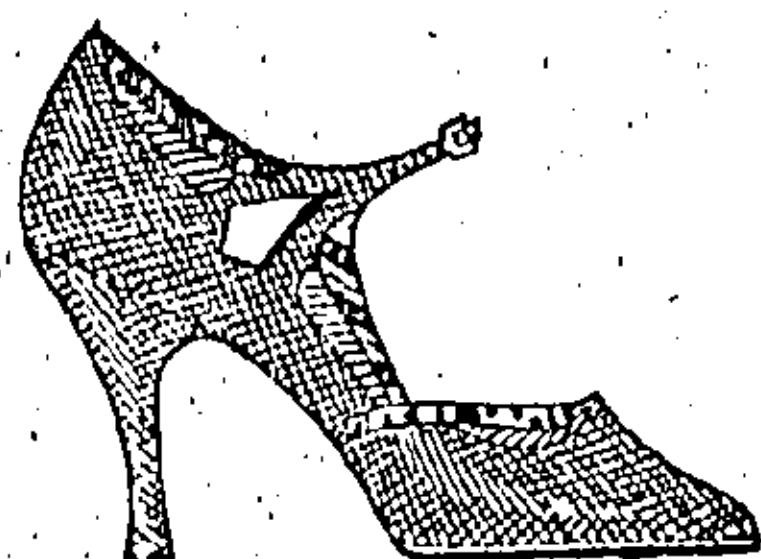
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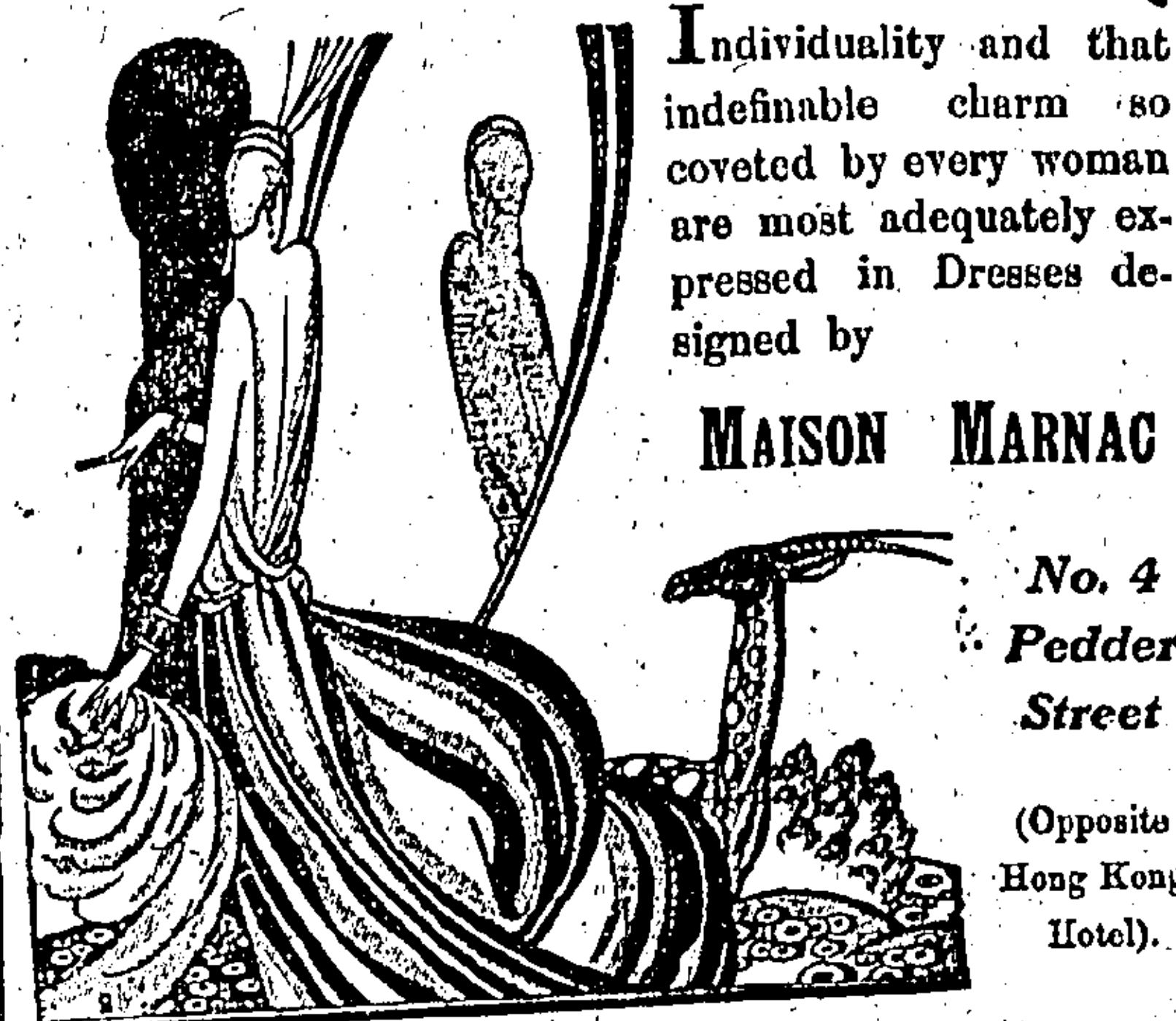
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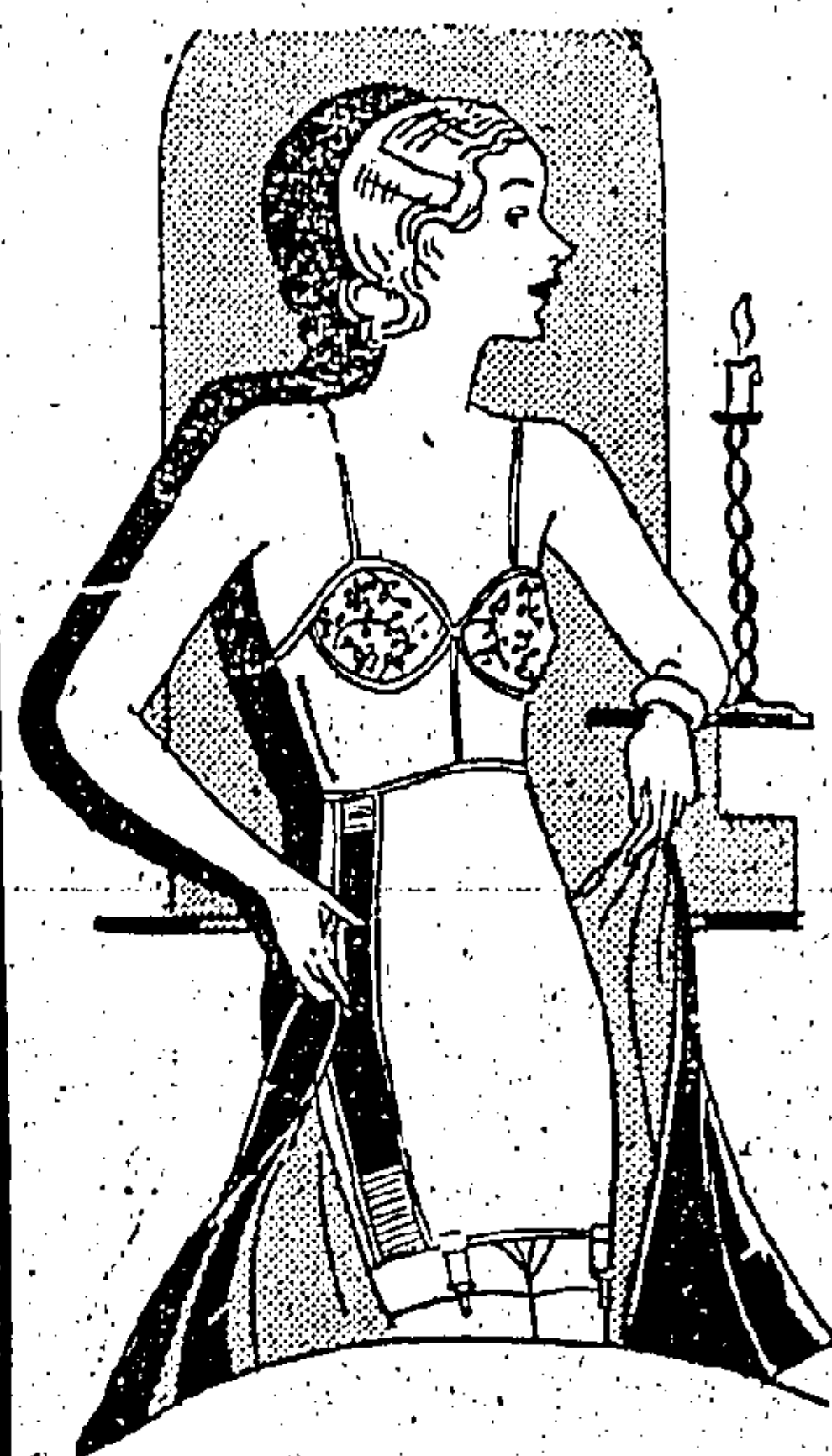


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To improve the look of bone or ivory handles which are discoloured rub them with a cut lemon dipped in salt.

MOTOR NOTES.

FOUR CHARMING EXAMPLES OF THE SPRING MODE.



ROUND THE SHOPS.

[By "EVE."]

Lane, Crawford's. An imperative investment this season is one of the new foundation garments that mould the figure to the fashionable silhouette. A varied selection of these have just been received by Lane Crawford's. They are the celebrated "Gossard" make and are made in strong satin and bro-



cade. A particularly important feature of some models is the excellent inner abdominal reducer. Some are fitted with elastic panels, and open at the side; they are ideal for the large figure. For sports wear there is an excellent girdle of elastic webbing which fits snugly to the figure. Evening dresses are made of flesh net, and voile, made especially for the backless evening dresses.

In the children's department I saw some lovely "child-proof" dresses for girls and misses in a variety of materials and designs.

Pamela is having a special sale of afternoon and evening shoes. These shoes are all of English

make and are made in the finest leathers. Cheap leathers are a false economy; they stretch and sag, and look sloppy and down-at-heel very quickly. One good pair—unadorned—of real, not synthetic leather, will last as long as several cheap pairs and give that coveted "good" appearance throughout their life. In Pamela's varied selection are sandals, shoes which suit certain types, and court shoes which are always smart and will always be a favourite with everyone. These are not nearly so tiring to wear as is often imagined, if a good pair and a good fit are selected. Sports shoes and brogues are in the darker shades. To go with these delightful shoes there are stockings in all match shades made by J. & R. Morley, the well-known English makers.

In a special department for dry-cleaning, re-modeling and re-blocking I saw some old felt hats under the process of being made beautiful and up-to-date again. It is surprising what beautiful models were made out of last season's old felts, so if you have a good felt which is out of style don't forget that it can be cleaned and made up into the latest style by Pamela, under the supervision of an European expert.

Style. Some lovely afternoon and evening frocks have arrived this week at this new and enterprising Lee House Street salon. Lace frocks are fashionable and will continue to be so. There is, therefore, excellent reason to see these exquisite gowns which Style has assembled in the new collection. These lovely frocks are nearly always accompanied by coats of the same material. Tweed models, too, as one might expect from anything Parisian, are very smart and becoming, and the knitted sports suit shown me are very original in design and colour.

The new fur coats are worthy of very special attention. There are some beautiful models in white and brown, mink, marmot, and white, and they are really charming and are most suitable for evening wear. Women who had deferred buying fur coats should really make good this deficiency in the wardrobe by paying this new salon a visit, where they will be amazed at the variety and beauty of the new modes.

Maison Marnac. The new frocks, which are cleverly cut to give an elegant silhouette, are made of new materials in soft dusky pink and pinkish orange, grey blue, and the ravine shade of the same color, afford the artist at this salon ample opportunities for adding to his reputation as originator of some of the loveliest colour schemes. Some very attractive suits will

short, straight jackets are made from the new light tweeds. One model made from dusky pink canvas-weave tweed shows a skirt with overlapping pleats at the side and a trim hip yoke.

Smart coats for the spring are already seen; these are equipped with straight collars. A lovely outfit for spring consists of a grey-blue *cépr-de-chine* dress with a knitted tweed coat to tone trimmed with an upstanding collar of light lynx fur.



The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. If you want something really nice and a bargain at the same time you should not miss the last week of the Annual Sale at The Dolly Vardon Hat Shop. I'm always thrilled when I pay this shop a visit and manage to see something new and chic every time. The large variety of the new hats preclude any idea of a detailed description but I especially noticed some black velvets which are always very becoming and useful, and all possess that touch of elegance that seems to be the hall-mark of this enterprising shop.

Some lovely pastel coloured felts which will be worn through the spring and summer. As it has been proved in past sales that these delightful models are snapped up very quickly, an early visit is definitely indicated.

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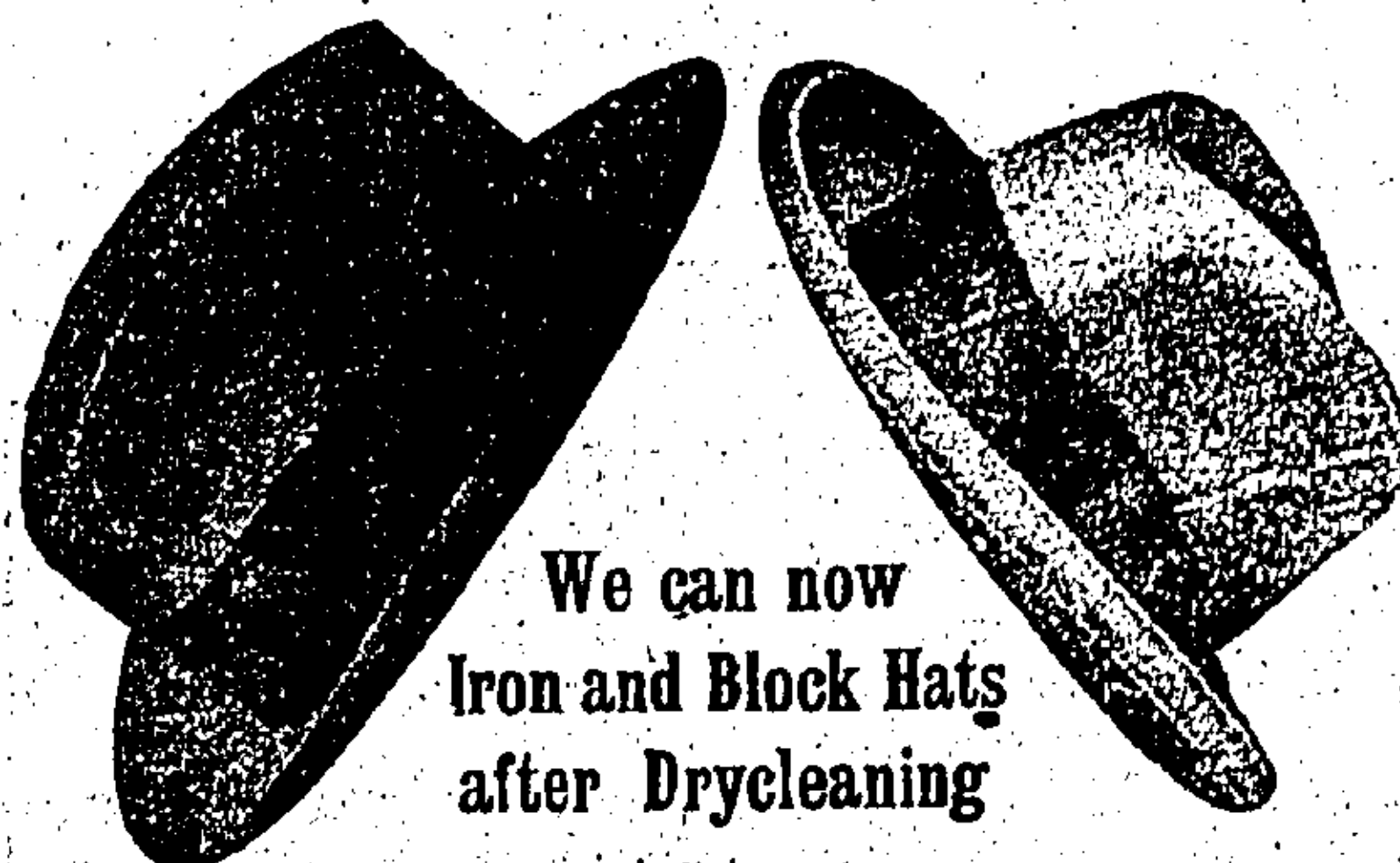
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All woollen materials are reduced a great deal. Some of the medium light weight wool is ideal for frocks and have a place of tremendous importance in the new spring styles. Whether yours is to be a sports dress or a tailored model, you will do well to select a good quality at a low price at Whiteaway's. In the furnishing department table linen, furnishing materials and curtains are all reduced to half price. I noticed some lovely curtain material which I know only arrived a short time ago marked at very low prices.

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The daily appoints in the Press of police intervention in closing shops up and down the country for selling at "too high prices" are meant to cheer the despondent wage-earner and show him that food will really come down. Rents are another problem. Your landlord tells you that his property taxes have just been assessed for three years. He cannot pay them if his rents go down. "You can denounce me to my federation if I don't come down," he says, "and I suppose they will take some action, but I beg you not to." So far no landlords have been prosecuted. Many have lowered rents but many have not. There is room for corrupt practices in this loose arrangement, and above all for political tyranny. It is significant that the crisis is accompanied by the creation of the new Political Police, and O.V.R.A. (Organizzazione Vigilanza Reati Antifascisti). This body, barely three months old, is hailed by one Roman journal as ready to strike against the "black market" and "misdeeds against the regime" are matured. With the "hard winter" before him the Italian wage-earner can only grumble at the only authority he knows, the Fascist Government, and with his grumbles the regime has been constrained (be-

cause it now deems this the best policy to show a greater measure of political intolerance than ever before.

Anti-Fascist Groups.

Farinacci once saved the Fascist regime by these methods in 1924 when it stood perilously near failure. Will the Duce be as successful "to-day"? Revolutions are not made by the mere pressure of economic circumstances. When leadership is lacking, but this pressure is beginning to be felt in certain centres. There were bread riots a fortnight ago in Turin and three cotton strikes at Varese, near Milan, at the end of September. There is trouble in Ferrara (where the prisons are so full that the arrested have now to be sent to neighbouring towns). An attempt to get the tax-office in Linguaglossa ablaze was recently made, and there are demonstrations of unemployed at Castellmassa and Pistoia. Reports of these happenings are brought to Rome from time to time, as in olden days, by travellers, but there is nothing to indicate any political affinity between the isolated groups of strikers, rioters, and unemployed. It is rather among the anti-Fascist thinkers that three groups are beginning to take a definite shape. The Communists have supplied a steady stream of organisers and agitators for the Special Tribunal for the Defence of the State ever since its foundation in 1926. Now, for the first time, a big group of Republicans and a small group of Liberals are to be tried before it. Communism in Italy has always enjoyed growth. The writer remembers attending the Special Tribunal trials in 1927 and most every day for two months and being struck by the peculiar type of the Communist leaders who sat on the front bench of the prisoners' cage. Many of them were men who would have been a problem to any Government, though none of them was afraid to proclaim his beliefs. To-day the Tribunal is faced with ordinary freedom-seeking citizens who believe in Parliamentary Government (many of them, by the way, admirers of the theory of the Corporative State).

These movements, taken in connection with the whole economic situation in Italy, are offering the Government a very difficult problem. Old methods of repression are being resorted to after two years of comparatively mild police measures. Censorship on Press messages going out of the country is in full swing again, and journalists are no longer informed of what has not been allowed to pass the censor. Arrests in Rome and elsewhere are very frequent, and the atmosphere of suspicion is heavy in the coffee-houses and public places of the capital. But the Government maintains that it has the situation well in hand and that Mussolini is in the best of health and spirits.

TO-DAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Stock quotations.
11.30 a.m.—Chinese programme.
12.30 p.m.—European programme.
1.30 p.m.—Weather report, local time and Rugby Press news.
2 p.m.—Close down.
5 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.
7 p.m.—Stock quotations.
7 p.m. to 12 midnight.—European programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.
7 to 7.45 p.m.—

Variety.

Chorus—"Bacchanalia-Drinking Songs Fantasia" (arr. Finck).—Herman Finck and his Orch.
Vocal Humorous Duet—"We Must All Pull Together."—The Two Gilberts.
Vocal Humorous Duet—"Tid-dle-idle-am-pum."—The Two Gilberts.
Marimba Solo—"Aloha Oe."—Rudy Starita.
Xylophone Solo—"Minuet."—Rudy Starita.
Song—"The Song I Love."—Marie Burke (Soprano).
Song—"Somewhere, Somewhere."—Marie Burke (Soprano).
Humorous Monologue—"Mr. Potter Visits Southend."—Gillie Potter.
Orchestral—"Mistaken."—Albert Sandler and his Orch.
Orchestral—"I Can't Give You Anything But Love."—Albert Sandler and his Orch.
Fan Fare of Trumpets—"Le Vieux Grenadier" (Courtade).—Directed by A. Courtade.
Fan Fare of Trumpets—"Marche Des Boucliers" (Courtade).—Directed by A. Courtade.
7.45 to 9.12 p.m.—

Orchestral.

"Classical"—Selections (Ewing).—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.
"A Musical Jig-Saw" (Astoch).—Court Symphony Orchestra.
"Jolly Fellows" (Vollstedt).—New Concert Orchestra.
"Hydro-paten" (Jos. Gungl).—New Concert Orchestra.
8.12 to 8.55 p.m.—
From the Land of the Heather.
Robert Burns—"A Man Amongst Men."—By the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P.
Highland Band—"Highland Fling (Stumple).—Highland Military Band.
Song—"The Auld Scots Songs" (Bethune and Leeson, arr. Moffat).—Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano).
Song—"I'm Gled My Heart's My Ain" (Ingalls).—Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano).
Band—"Scottish Melody" (De-broy Somers).—De-broy Somers' Band.
Song—"Lassie o' Mine" (Walt and Bowles).—Fraser Gange (Baritone).
Band—"The Thistle."—Selection of Scottish Melodies (Mydleton, arr. Winterbottom).—H.M. Grenadier Guards' Band.
9 p.m.—Weather report, local time, etc.
0.05 to 9.25 p.m.—
Organ Solo—Excerpt from "Sah-bi Kazib" (Lowe and Gower-Brown).—Quentin M. McLean.
Organ Solo—"Flower of Love" (Axt and Mendoza).—Quentin M. McLean.
Song—"Time To Go" (Weatherly and Sanderson).—Malcolm McEachern (Bass).
Humorous Song—"That's a Good Girl—Chirp, Chirp."—Elsie Randolph.
Humorous Song—"That's a Good Girl—Sweet So and So."—Jack Buchanan.
Song—"That's a Good Girl—A Marching Song."—Raymond Newell.
Song—"That's a Good Girl—Parting Time."—Jack Buchanan.
Vern Pearce, Raymond Newell.
Song—"Song of the Sea—All Day Long."—Lillian Davies (Soprano).
Song—"Song of the Sea—Women."—Archie W. Backcomb (Comedian).
9.25 to 9.50 p.m.—

Operatic.

"Romeo and Juliet"—Overture Fatsia (Tschakowsky).—William Mangelsberg and his Concert Orch.
"Mefistofle"—Il Bel Giovannetto (Bolte).—La Scala Chorus of Milan.
"La Traviata"—Chorus of Gipsies (Verdi).—La Scala Chorus of Milan.
"Madam Butterfly"—Selections (Puccini, arr. Godfrey).—New Queen's Hall Light Orch.
9.50 p.m. to 12 midnight.—

Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—"If I Could Be With You."
Fox Trot—"Romanin' Thru' the Roses."
Fox Trot—"I'm Following You."
Fox Trot—"I'm Sailing on a Sunbeam."
Slow Fox Trot—"Angel Mother."
Fox Trot—"Are You a Russian?"
Fox Trot—"Why Am I So Romantic?"
Waltz—"It's for you."
One Step—"We Must All Pull Together."
One Step—"Gorgonzola."
Tango—"Melodie Du Reve."
Tango—"Julian."
Fox Trot—"Pickin' Petals Off O'Daises."
Fox Trot—"A Night of Happiness."
Fox Trot—"Cyring for the Car-lines."
Fox Trot—"Have a Little Faith in Me."
Fox Trot—"Song of Swance."
Tango Fox Trot—"Once in a While."
Waltz—"The Same as We Used To Do."
Waltz—"A Slave to Love."
Fox Trot—"Take Along a Little Love."
Fox Trot—"Wasn't It Nice?"
Fox Trot—"Follow a Star."
Fox Trot—"Don't Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve."
Fox Trot—"Always in All Ways."
Fox Trot—"Beyond the Blue Horizon."
Fox Trot—"Oh! Donna Clara."
Waltz—"Little Russian Rose."
Fox Trot—"With You."
Fox Trot—"There's Danger in Your Eyes Cherie."
Fox Trot—"Living a Live of Dreams."
Slow Fox Trot—"Nobody Cares If I'm Blue."
One Step—"Casabianca."
Fox Trot—"Savita."
Fox Trot—"Sweetheart We Need Each Other."
Waltz—"You're Always in My Arms."
Fox Trot—"Swinging in a Ham-mock."
Waltz—"Until We Meet Again Sweetheart."
"God Save the King."
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WOMAN SOLICITOR'S
DRUGS.OVERDOSE TAKEN IN
TURKISH BATH.The story of a daughter who was
so devoted to her father that she
refused offers of marriage was told
at a Westminster inquest on Esther
Julia Teller (42), a solicitor, who
practised with her father in Basing-
hall-street, E.C.Miss Teller was found uncon-
scious at Turkish baths in North-
umberland-avenue, W.C.Death was stated to be due to an
overdose of medicinal, and Mr. Ingle-
by Oddie returned a verdict of
"Death by misadventure" after the
father, Mr. William Teller
Levianski, had made a passionate
denial of a suggestion that his
daughter had committed suicide.Mr. Levianski said the only drug
he found at their home in Aberdare-
garden, Hampstead, was medicinal,
which the doctor had prescribed for
her as a sleeping draught."Has your daughter ever said
anything about being tired of
life?" the coroner asked Mr.
Levianski.Mr. Levianski: No. She was de-
voted to me. She had made ar-
rangements to see some children
with some Christmas presents, and
was going to the South of France
with me at the end of January.

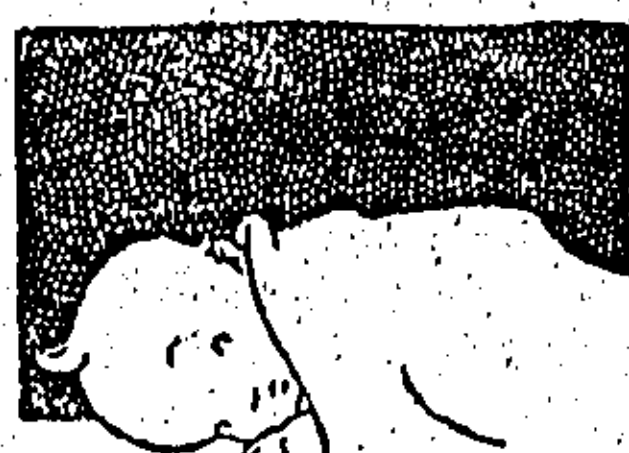
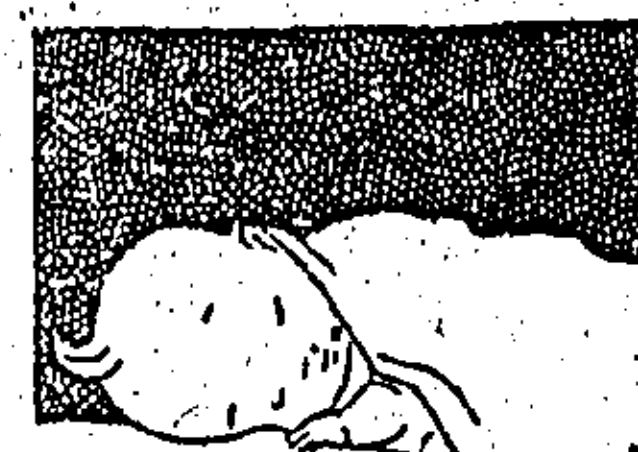
"Devoted to Me."

The Coroner: If you assume for
a moment that she has died from
some form of narcotic poisoning,
how do you account for it?Mr. Levianski said that she had
been to the baths only once pre-
viously, and he thought that she
was overcome after taking a sleep-
ing draught in the hottest room at
the baths.The Coroner: No powders were
found, and she must have taken a
very large quantity.Mr. Oddie added that in his own
mind he had a strong feeling that
this was a case of suicide.Mr. Levianski said that there was
absolutely no reason for suicide.
"She was so devoted to me that she
had refused offers of marriage," he
added."She loved her father. There
was absolutely no reason for sui-
cide."The Coroner: How many times do
you think I have had that said to
me? I dare say thousands of times.
Your view is that it was a case of
accident and not suicide.—Yes.

A Deep Sleep.

Miss Ashenden, an attendant at
the baths, said that while in the
cooling room Miss Teller asked for
a glass of water. She had tea and
a sandwich, and lay down. Just
after 8.30 p.m., she found Miss Tel-
ler in a heavy sleep. She was re-
moved to Westminster Hospital.Dr. Braxton Hicks, a pathologist,
in reply to the coroner, said that
if a person had taken a drug occa-
sionally for sleeplessness and per-
haps increased the dose following
the urgent need for a good rest
while in the Turkish bath it would
possibly produce narcotic poison-
ing.Mr. Oddie, recording his verdict,
said that the father's theory that
Miss Teller took the drug to enable
her to have a good night's rest was
an intelligent one and was borne
out by the medical evidence.EVELYN LAYE'S FIRST
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takes the place of a star who has
been exiled for causing a riot, she
is just the Evelyn Laye we all ad-
mire on the stage in parts that
suit her fragile and sensitive
beauty.She does not look or act a bit
like a flower girl in even the most
expensive café, but her sensitive
face and characteristic speaking
voice make her very fascinating in-
deed. Her singing comes out well,
but it is not improved by canning.
Marring the situation.The acting of Lillian Tashman as
the cabaret star really runs away
with the film, and Leon Errol as
Lilli's middle-aged, stupid, and
both Evelyn Laye and John Boies
seem a trifle wooden.This is one of those singing films
in which the songs quite mar the
illusion. The climax is reached
when Lilli and her nobleman friend
sing a love duet in the rain. The
film will be popular enough with the
public that admires Evelyn Laye.

THIRSTY

WAKES UP IN NIGHT. FEELS
THIRSTY BUT SORT OF HATES
TO GET PARENTS UPMAYBE HE'LL FORGET ABOUT
BEING THIRSTY LISTENS TO
HALL CLOCK TICKING. COSY
SOUNDWATCHES PATCH OF LIGHT
FROM STREET LAMP FLICKER-
ING ON CEILINGOH GOODNESS HE'S REMEM-
BERED ABOUT BEING THIRSTYLISTENS TO THEM SLEEPING.
SO QUIETLY IN THE NEXT ROOM,
AND DADDY SNORING SOFTLYSEEMS A SHAME TO BOTHER
THEM BUT THE LONGER HE WAITS
THE THIRSTIER HE GETS, SO
HERE GOESFOR PITY'S SAKE WHAT WAS
THAT AWFUL SOUND! MUST BE
THE DIMMICK BABY NEXT
DOOR. WHAT A WAIL!WONDERS DOES HE SOUND
LIKE THAT WHEN HE CRIES!
GUESSES HE'LL LET PARENTS
SLEEP, THIRSTY OR NO THIRSTYDROPS OFF, REFLECTING THAT
BABIES REALLY OUGHT TO GET
CREDIT FOR THE TIMES THEY
DON'T GET PARENTS UP AT NIGHT

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EARLIEST MAN.

MOST IMPORTANT FIND
YET MADE.DR. ELLIOT SMITH BACK
FROM CHINA.After a visit to China to examine
especially the remains of Early Man
which were unearthed in a cave
near Peiping, Professor Elliot Smith
(of the Department of Anatomy at
University College) holds the
opinion that it is the most impor-
tant discovery of the kind ever
made.The remains are believed to be
millions of years old, and Professor
Elliot Smith told a Home reporter
that he is satisfied they will pro-
vide a solid foundation for the
building of the history of primitive
man.He examined the exhibits on the
spot, and the confirmation of their
extraordinary importance by such
an authority will stimulate the
work of piecing together the evi-
dence of those creatures from whom
modern man has descended."My mission," he said, "was
very impressive, and I was enor-
mously impressed by the importanceof the evidence which is being ob-
tained."I went out in an official capa-
city, and my first public statement
will probably be in the form of a
lecture at the University."

A Problem Solved.

Asked if he could say anything
about the importance of the dis-
covery, he replied:"I realized the unique importance
of the discoveries, which give much
more positive and precise infor-
mation about early man than any in-
formation which has hitherto been
available."The material is most significant,
and is more illuminating than all
the remains of the human family
that have yet been discovered.
What gives particular importance
to the discovery is not merely that
it gives certain evidence of age as
that it bridges the gap between
the irreconcilable types previously
known, the Pithecanthropus of Java
and the Pildown skull."The skulls are much more pri-
mitive than either, and are more
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the rôle of a Spanish singer whose
operatic success is tempered by the
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outcome of two love affairs. The
star will sing "Ridi Pagliacci,"
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favourite arias, and "Questa o
Quella" from "Rigoletto." In an
attempt to keep the picture from
being too "high-brow," Metro-
Goldwyn-Mayer have also included
three numbers composed by Herbert
Stothart and Clifford Grey, who
wrote the music for "Devil May
Care" and "The Rogue Song." They
are "Not Good-Enough For Me,"
"Just For To-day" and "Loving
Thoughts of You."Report has it that this picture
tops all of Novarro's previous talk-
ing and singing efforts, being equip-
ped with a particularly entertain-
ing plot, interesting characteriza-
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perfectly acted and directed and
beautifully photographed.For the first time we find in a
screen drama the strange situation
that sprang up between English
and German soldiers and civilians
who had lived for years as friends
and neighbours in the African
colonies of those two countries and
suddenly found themselves facing
each other as enemies by reason of
the outbreak of the great war in
far-away Europe.Colour subjects, of course, have
been made before and are, in them-
selves, no novelty, but the back-
ground of "Mamba," the African
jungle, the tropics, the gaudy war
regalia of the natives, the flashing
uniforms of German and British
Colonial troops—offers a kaleidos-
cope before unequalled.From the viewpoint of the specta-
cular, "Mamba" sets a new high
standard. It presents, limitless
jungles, the wild and impenetrable
forests. We see a native village
with its hundreds of blacks, a never-
ending menace to the whites, re-
gardless of nationality. We see the
savages in their picturesque and
often terrifying tribal dances. We
see the burning of the native village
and, finally, the attack by the horde
of black savages on the little settle-
ment, defended by only a handful
of men in command of a gallant
German officer who has determined
to die fighting. Then the shrill
note of a bugle signals the arrival
of a crushing force of British, who
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vellous effects have been obtained.The dramatic burden is carried
capably by Jean Hersholt, Eleanor
Boardman and Ralph Forbes.
Hersholt is superb. It is undoubt-
edly his greatest characterization—
this German planter, gross, ugly,
bestial, despicable but immensely
rich. The title, "Mamba," being
the name of a deadly snake of the
country, is made to symbolize the
character of "Bolte."Eleanor Boardman is exquisite as
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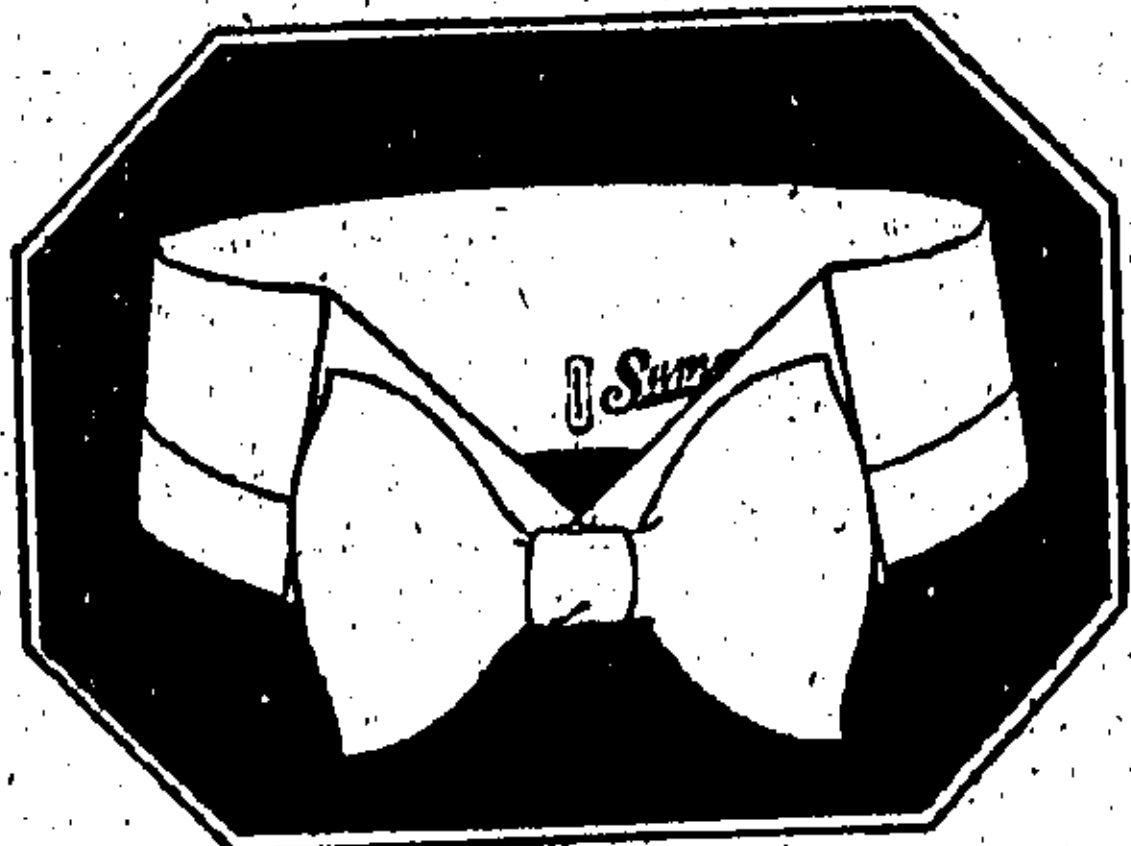
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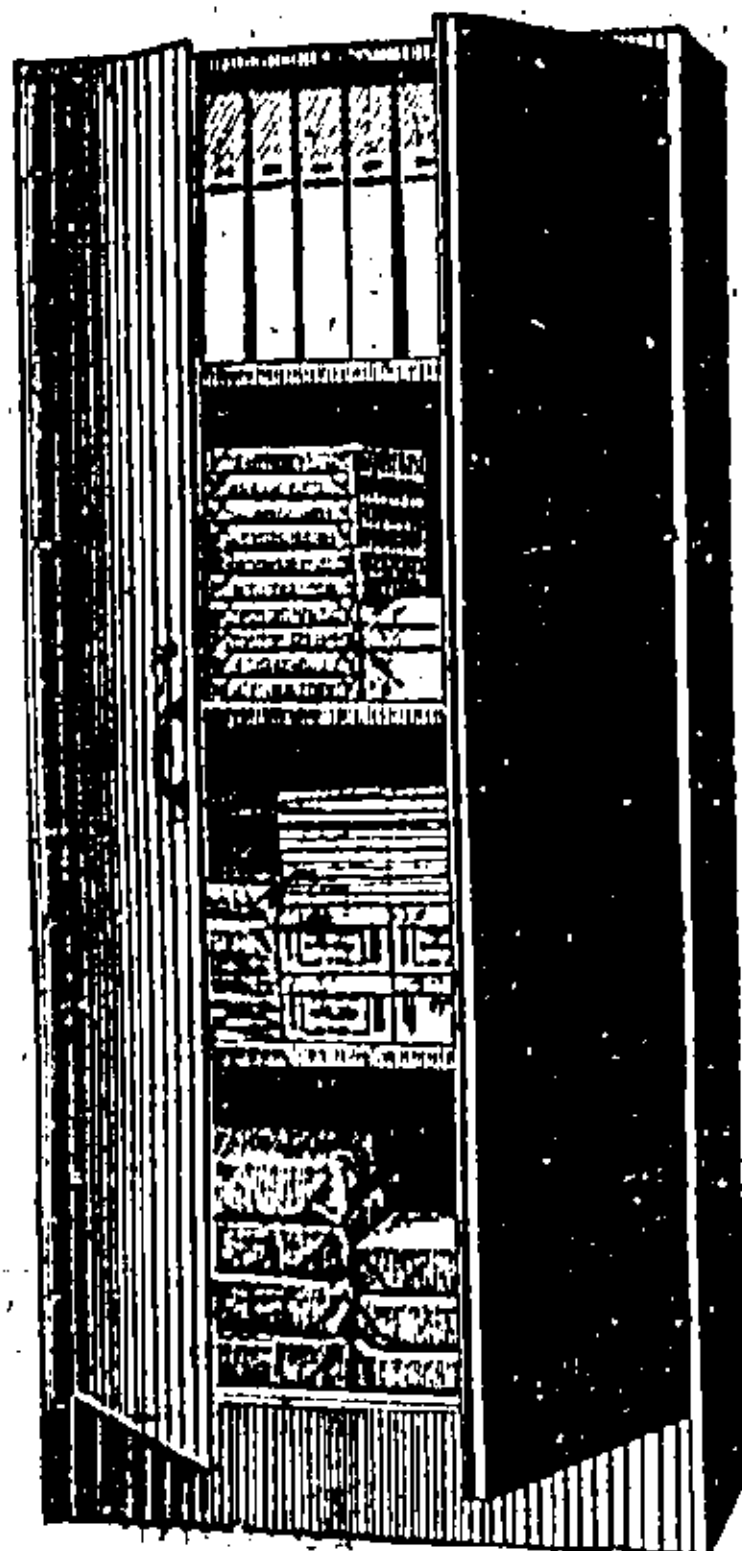


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BUS INSPECTOR ASSAULTED.

When a Chinese pleaded guilty before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday to a charge of assault on Li Tak Fai, an inspector on the Hong Kong Hotel Buses, Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds told the Court that the inspectors were very often subject to serious assaults.

Mr. Reynolds told the Court that in the present case, the inspector was going on duty at 8 a.m. at Stubbs Road when he was attacked by two men who were armed with bamboo poles. One of them was the defendant. After setting on the inspector they ran away but the defendant was caught by an Indian watchman.

Continuing, Mr. Reynolds said that though employees of the Hotel Garage were allowed to travel on the buses free, it was left to the discretion of the inspector on duty whether the employee could stay on the bus or not. The inspector who was conscientious in this line of work was, therefore, very unpopular. This was the third occasion when an inspector had been assaulted.

His Worship (to defendant): What do you mean by hitting this man on the head with a bamboo pole?

Defendant: I was told to do it by a friend of mine, who had his ticket punched wrongly and was told to get off a bus.

Mr. Lindsell: Would you commit a murder if you were told to do it?—Three months' hard labour.

SACKED WITHOUT WAGES.

SENTENCE ON AN AMAH REDUCED.

The case against Wong Ng, an amah who was in the employ of Mr. Berwick of 12, Wing Lok Buildings, Kowloon, and who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for alleged stealing of a perambulator, was re-opened by Mr. H. R. Butters at Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday.

It will be recalled that after the amah was dismissed by Mr. Berwick, the latter discovered the loss of a "pram" and this was later found at a shop in Yau-mai where it was being re-tired. The amah said that she wished to have the perambulator repaired before she left her position. Mr. Berwick, however, did not authorise the repairs.

Inspector Ogg told the Court that on the night of her dismissal, the amah made a report to the effect that she had been sacked without wages. Further evidence was taken after which the Magistrate reduced the sentence from two months to one month's imprisonment.

MAORI SONGS.

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But the Westminster Glee Singers are bringing us also something more familiar and dear to the hearts of nearly all of us—our own traditional English songs. Mr. Edward Branncombe and his troupe prove that, as in the spangled days of Great Elizabeth, England might still be called "a nest of singing birds," if only there could be found men and women with sufficient faith in the familiar songs of our homeland to see to it that they are not forgotten in an age given over to the worship of jazz.

SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS' HOME.

TWO DONATIONS.

The Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home have very gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the following donations towards the funds of the Home:—
Mr. J. K. Bonfield, £10
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. and its Affiliated Companies, £300.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[All letters intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not for publication, unless so desired, but as evidence of good faith.—Ed.]

THE STABILISATION ISSUE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I read your leading article of this morning on the stabilisation of the Colony's currency with much interest, but I think you exaggerate the importance to the Colony that we should retain a fluctuating currency based on the price of silver because China does so. Of course it is self evident that when China reforms her currency we would be compelled to follow suit, and when the opponents of stabilisation urge that we should wait for China to carry out this necessary reform they are, many of them, especially those who are in a position to take advantage of a fluctuating currency, hoping that this happy day for the majority of us may be far distant.

You do not, I think, wish to imply that there will be no difference in exchange between this Colony and China even after stabilisation. The value of a country's currency is very much a matter of confidence in its stability and although you stress the importance of Hong Kong retaining a fluctuating currency because of our proximity to China you lose sight of the fact that Hong Kong currency has at the present time a premium of 33 1/3 per cent compared with that of Canton and this alone refutes your argument that our currency should remain the same as that of China. The two currencies are only the same in that they both fluctuate, much to the distress of many loyal British subjects resident here.—Yours, etc.

"STABILISATION."

Hong Kong, January 22.

[The Currency Commission, and those who gave evidence before it, can hardly be dismissed as "those who are in a position to take advantage of a fluctuating currency." The fact stressed in our leading article was that an extremely strong body of experts pronounced against stabilisation, as likely to be injurious to the trade of the Colony. It was also pointed out that the reasons for this opinion ought to be published. Stabilisation appears, on the surface, the desirable course, and for that very reason the expert arguments against it should be made known.—Ed H.K.D.P.]

A ST. PATRICK'S DAY BALL.

LOCAL SOCIETY'S DECISION.

The recently elected committee of the St. Patrick's Society of Hong Kong held their first meeting on the 20th inst. and a large amount of business was transacted.

Mr. F. P. R. James presided and the election of officers for 1931 was carried out as follows:—
Sir Joseph Kemp, Kt., K.C., C.B.E., was in his absence elected President. Colonel C. D. Myles, O.B.E., R.A.M.C. A.D.M.S. China Command, and Mr. L. N. Murphy were elected Vice-Presidents; Mr. B. H. C. Hallows was elected Hon. Treasurer; Mr. G. P. Murphy and Lieutenant P. T. Mahony, R.E., were elected Hon. Secretaries.

After much discussion as to the form of the function to be held on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, it was decided to hold a Ball, further particulars will be published as early as possible.

It has since been ascertained that His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel have graciously consented to attend.

Over 150 names of intended members, including many life members, and various donations have been received. The Committee look forward with confidence to a very flourishing Society and cordially invite all Irishmen and Irish women who have not already done so to apply to the Hon. Secretaries for membership.

The address of the Society for correspondence is P.O. Box 417 and all letters should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

HARBOURING CASE.

SMART SENTENCE ON YOUNG CHINESE.

Lau Fuk, aged 30 years, was yesterday fined \$100 or in default six weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Police Court, for harbouring Li Mun Kam, an unmarried girl, aged 13 years at 908, Canton Road, between November 17 and December 24, 1930, without the consent of the girl's grandmother.

Inspector Murphy prosecuted, and the girl's grandmother who appeared for the defendant, stated that the girl had behaved in a very foolish manner in leaving her grandmother and that he would ask the magistrate to be lenient with the defendant as it was his first offence.

PEACE MOVEMENT IN KWANGSI.

OBJECT OF MISSION TO NANKING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 22.

Generals Wong Shiu Hung and Wu Ting Yang, two big leaders of the Kwangsi clique, who had been in conference with Mr. Ho Lo, of the Canton Military Headquarters, and a representative of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek in Hong Kong for some time in connection with the peace movement in Kwangsi, are reported to have left the British Consulate for Nanking last Monday by a Japanese vessel. Their mission in the North is to confer with Marshal Chiang and other members of the Central Government on the problem of peace in Kwangsi.

What has been decided upon at the Hong Kong peace conference has been carefully concealed from the public. The terms agreed upon by the representatives of the opposing forces in Kwangsi will not be divulged until they have been considered and sanctioned by Nanking, and General Wong Shiu Hung's present trip to the capital is to set forth the case of Kwangsi before the Central Government with a view to securing peace for his native province without dishonour to his colleagues.

According to Mr. Ho Lo, who returned to Canton yesterday, the peace conference in Hong Kong was highly successful, there being practically nothing of importance which the delegates could not agree upon.

General Wong Shiu Hung said that it was his heartfelt desire to see peace and order restored in his native province, but in order that this may be brought about, some fundamentally constructive policy must be evolved and carried out. Practically everything in Kwangsi is in a terrible condition. About one-third of the province is at present in the hands of the Communists and outlaws, whose wanton ravages have been the source of untold suffering of the innocent and the law-abiding inhabitants. All these bad elements, the General went on, must be wiped out before true peace and prosperity can be restored.

In conclusion, General Wong said that Li Tsung Jen, Pei Chung Hsi, Chang Fat Tui and others were equally desirous of peace in Kwangsi, and are now willing to take orders from Nanking.

It appears, therefore, that peace is well in sight in Kwangsi.

Another indication of this coming happy state of affairs is seen in the lifting of the blockade of the upper part of the West River and the Kwei River, the two principal waterways of the province through which heavy cargoes have been blocked by the Cantonese troops ever since the beginning of hostility nearly two years ago. The blockade has been an immense obstacle to trade, and its present lifting was made in compliance with the request of the merchants.

EXPLOSION IN CAINE ROAD.

POLICE INVESTIGATE CURIOUS AFFAIR.

An explosion in Caine Road, followed by the discovery of a broken Thermos flask and bits of metal on the roadside, is now being investigated by the C.I.D.

The police received first news of the incident from a woman named Cheung Man Cho of 25, Jardine's Bazaar, who stated that she was walking along Caine Road in company with Leung Yuen Sui and Chan Sze of the Man Lee Motor Repair Garage, and when nearing the house No. 43, they heard a loud explosion behind them. The woman then noticed her right leg had been punctured in two places whilst Leung's trouser leg was torn.

She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where it was found that her wounds were not of a serious nature. Leung was allowed to go home after his wounds had been dressed and Chan, apparently, escaped unhurt.

MAD DOG PANIC ON A BUS.

PASSENGERS DASH TO SAFETY.

Passengers leaped from their seats on the top of an U.G.O.C. omnibus in Chiwick, and tumbled, shouting, down the stairway, when a dog became mad and ran wild among the passengers.

It threw all into terror and evaded the driver and conductor, who decided to drive to Chiwick police station which was close at hand.

Here a policeman tried to coax the dog off the omnibus, but failed. Other constables were then called and the dog was eventually taken into the police station where it was examined.

It was believed to be suffering from rabies and destroyed. The omnibus was then taken to the Aclon Green terminus and fumigated.

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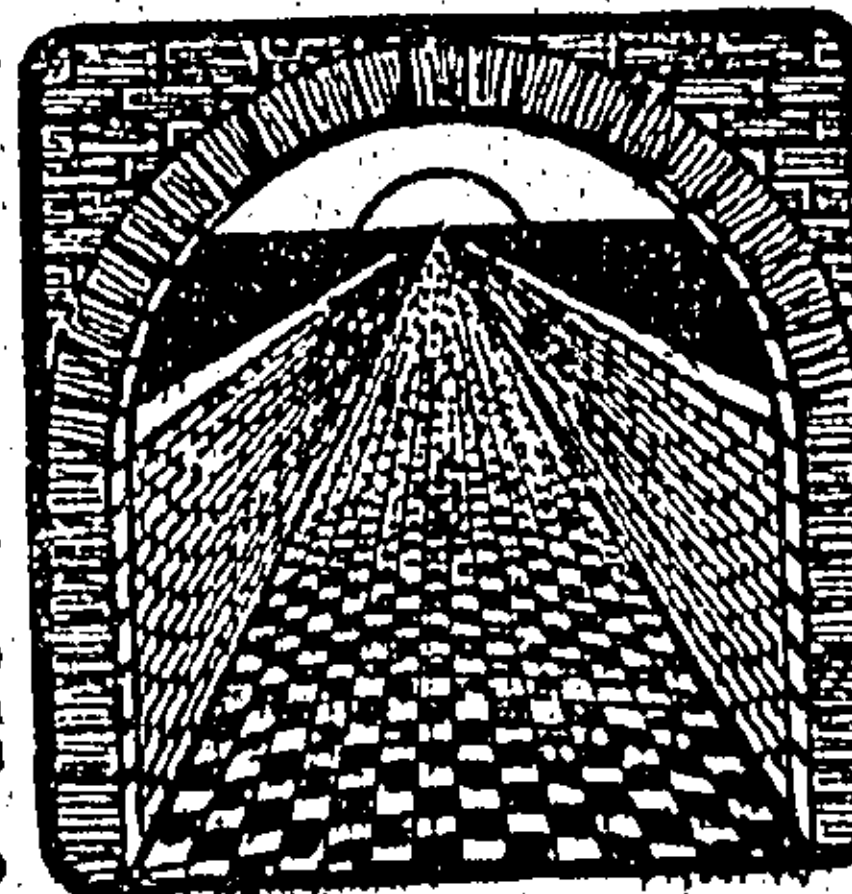
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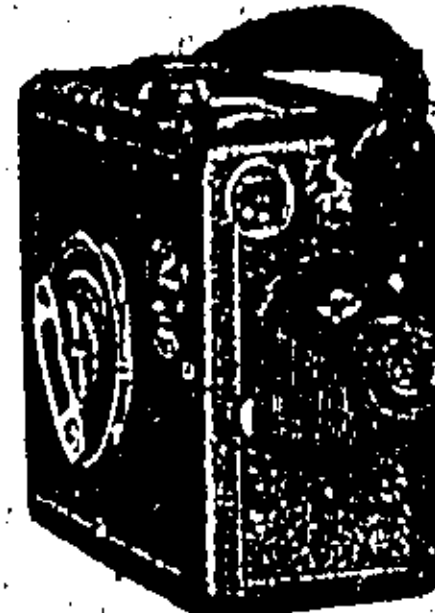
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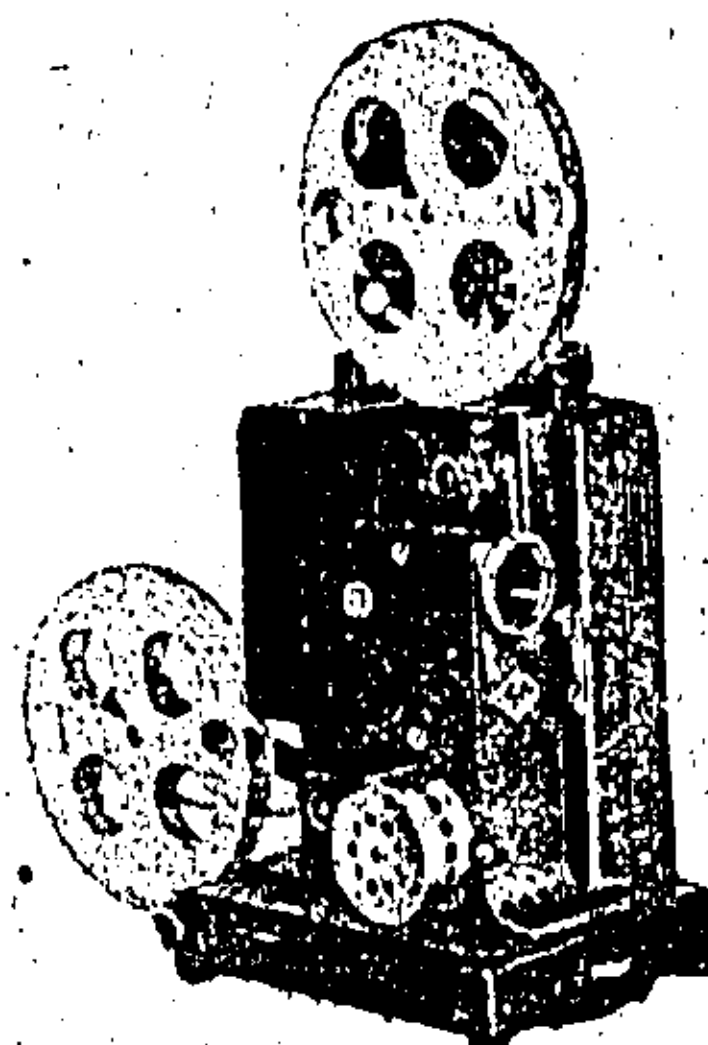
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BIG DECREASE IN COLONY'S TRADE.

LOW DOLLAR CAUSES HEAVY FALLING-OFF
IN IMPORTS LAST YEAR.POOR SHOWING BY THE UNITED KINGDOM IN BOTH
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Hong Kong trade figures for the nine months ended December 31, 1930, have now been issued by the statistical branch of the Imports and Exports Department. The totals for this period are included in the December issue of the official Trade Returns, it not being the intention of Government to publish a special volume covering the uncompleted statistical year of 1930.

The returns show that during the period April-December imports of merchandise into the Colony amounted to a value of \$455,464,569 as compared with \$443,078,348 in the corresponding period of 1924, while exports totalled \$350,824,278 as compared with \$380,153,720. The year 1924 has been selected for purposes of comparison inasmuch as it was the last completed year in which trade statistics were collected by Government.

EXPORTS NOT STIMULATED BY
EXCHANGE.

At first sight the 1930 figures would appear to compare very favourably with those of the year 1924, which was above the average, but it should be noted that in 1930 H.K. dollar values were entirely fictitious and out of all proportion to the volume of merchandise handled in the port. Silver slumped disastrously during the year, and the sterling exchange-value of the H.K. dollar averaged only 1s. 3½d. over the nine months of 1930, as compared with 2s. 4½d. in the corresponding period of 1924.

In some quarters it was anticipated that a low value dollar would stimulate the export trade of the Colony, but this end does not seem to have been achieved, the ratio of exports to imports being less than in 1924.

World wholesale prices dropped heavily but the benefit to Hong Kong and China as importers was rendered practically nugatory mainly on account of the decreased purchasing power of silver, and the exhaustion of China following years of civil strife.

Heavy Falling-off.

The following comparative tables show at a glance the heavy falling-off in the actual trade of the Colony during the nine months of 1930 as compared with the nine months' figures of 1924, the sterling equivalents, at the prevailing rates of exchange, being given in brackets:

IMPORTS.		1924.	1930.
Total	\$443,078,348	\$455,464,569	(\$29,840,323)
British Empire	\$104,086,340	\$78,602,383	(\$12,450,928)
U.K.	\$62,539,456	\$43,107,942	(\$7,460,133)
Exports:			
Total	\$380,153,720	\$350,824,278	(\$24,341,251)
British Empire	\$27,351,644	\$43,135,113	(\$4,514,621)
U.K.	\$4,579,175	\$2,871,408	(\$146,162)

It should here be noted that in 1924 no statistics were available of the import trade from South China, Kwang Chow Wan and Macao. These three countries constitute a very important source of supply to Hong Kong, and during the nine months of 1930 the total import of merchandise was valued at approximately \$58,000,000.

Presuming the import trade from South China, Kwang Chow Wan and Macao in 1924 to approximate the 1930 figure, the actual reading of the comparative import figure would be—

1924.		1930.
Total	\$501,399,214	\$455,464,569
Imports from South China, Kwang Chow Wan and Macao	\$50,802,302	(\$29,840,323)

Against this has to be set the fact that 1930 world wholesale prices represented a decrease of about 25 per cent. as compared with 1924; but even so the volume of trade was very substantially less than in 1924.

United Kingdom Suffers.

The United Kingdom figures suffered in common with others, the percentage of the total import trade recorded, too, falling from 14.11 per cent. in 1924 to 6.48 per cent. in 1930. Exports from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom have never reached any great proportion, the percentage figure in 1924 being 1.2 per cent. as compared with last year's figure of .33 per cent.

The British Empire as a whole accounted for 17.26 per cent. of the import trade in 1924, as compared with 23.65 per cent. in 1930, and 12.09 per cent. of the exports as compared with 9.96 per cent. in 1924.

Imports fluctuated from \$38 millions to \$59 millions a month, and exports from \$33 millions to \$48 millions, as shown in the following table:

	Imports.	Exports.
April.....	\$38,405,508	\$35,431,719
May.....	\$4,305,587	\$5,284,507
June.....	\$5,532,530	\$2,143,275
July.....	\$0,870,577	\$4,385,347
August.....	\$0,132,157	\$0,132,159
September.....	\$0,772,414	\$0,307,552
October.....	\$3,168,170	\$6,604,331
November.....	\$5,110,372	\$2,000,003
December.....	\$9,110,160	\$8,500,929
Total.....	\$455,464,569	\$350,824,278

Principal Countries.

The chief importing and exporting countries during 1930 were as follows:—

	Imports.	Exports.
China.....	\$121,545,982	\$55,040,720
Japan.....	\$50,108,120	\$20,822,505
N. East.....		\$60,788,005
Indies.....	\$47,071,433	\$61,630,147
United Kingdom.....	\$43,197,042	\$62,539,456
Indo-China.....	\$30,028,311	\$27,459,133
U.S.A.....	\$32,952,248	\$30,312,035
Siam.....	\$20,072,050	\$24,331,074
Germany.....	\$21,078,088	\$22,268,124
Straits.....	\$10,736,516	\$11,710,801
India.....	\$7,192,238	\$10,336,777
—South China trade not recorded in 1924.		

	Imports.	Exports.
China.....	\$189,002,237	\$235,770,894
Indo-China.....	\$31,519,041	\$32,650,234
Straits.....	\$23,618,077	\$23,895,204
Siam.....	\$17,598,777	\$19,017,480
Japan.....	\$14,716,696	\$22,248,961
U.S.A.....	\$11,876,400	\$25,360,052
Philippines.....	\$0,774,879	\$1,333,150
Other countries.....		\$19,464,742
Total.....	\$141,111,009	\$296,404,478

The principal groups of trade during the nine months of 1930 were as follows:—

	Imports.	Exports.
Animals.....	8,070	332
Building.....	6,189	4,594
Chemicals.....	4,439	2,410
Chinese.....	17,714	12,430
Dyeing.....	5,204	4,124
Foodstuffs.....	160,401	130,763
Fuels.....	8,241	1,251
Hardware.....	3,480	2,180
Liquor.....	3,017	1,590
Machinery.....	3,287	1,010
Manures.....	13,698	13,657
Metals.....	24,304	16,657
Minerals.....	1,033	1,016
Nuts, etc.....	6,205	4,707
Oils, etc.....	28,759	20,128
Paints.....	1,400	1,622
Piece Goods.....	78,034	50,000
Tobacco.....	7,287	7,172
Treasure.....	141,111	95,464
Vehicles.....	1,700	807
Wearing.....	4,093	8,369
Apparel.....	4,093	8,369
SUNDRIES.		
Bags.....	6,882	7,241
Electrical.....	4,041	2,878
Hides.....	1,709	1,970
Leather.....	3,851	1,702
Matches.....	2,715	4,040
Paper.....	6,180	6,068

Imports and exports of treasure were considerably under-declared by the local banking institutions during the nine months of 1930, and the following revised statement has now been prepared for that period:—

(Continued at foot of next column.)

STERLING PAID
SALARIES.GOVT. EMPLOYEES TO BE
PAID ON NEW BASIS.MATTER TO BE REVISED
FROM TIME TO TIME.

We have been officially informed that, subject to formal approval by the Legislative Council of the necessary amendment of its original resolution on the revised salaries scheme, the Secretary of State has approved the proposal to pay sterling salaries, with effect from January 1, 1931, as to one-half at the rate of one dollar equals 1/6d. and as to one-half at the Treasury rate for the current month.

The Secretary of State adds that it should be made clear that in view of the uncertainty of the dollar exchange, it will be necessary for the Government to review the question of the exchange rate for sterling paid salaries from time to time.

DOOR HANDLE IN DEAD
MAN'S HAND.LIGHT ON BARRACKS SHOTS
DRAMA.

The inquiry into the shooting tragedy at Acland Barracks, Tidworth, was opened last month. Maurice Archibald Bell (23), a trooper in the Royal Scots Greys, was found shot dead, and Jack Healey, a civilian barber of Rovers-town, near Ludgryshall, died in hospital from a bullet wound. The inquest was on Bell, a Glasgow man, who was due to go on draft for India.

Lance-Corporal David Daverock, of the Royal Scots Greys, who first found Bell's body in the barber's shop, said the man was lying face downwards, and there was a mark on his jaw.

"I saw a small case and some papers lying either on a chair or on the floor," he continued. A revolver was lying on the floor of the shop, which was lighted.

Man in Civilian Clothes. A juror: Was there any sign of a struggle?—The only thing I saw like that was the papers littering the floor. They looked like the folded letters which a soldier would carry in his breast pocket.

Trooper John Pollock, of the Scots Greys, said that he was walking past the ordnance block when he saw a man in civilian clothes come from the backhouse door and go into an office. He entered and found Healey groaning on the floor.

Major Thomas Parr, R.A.M.C., said that Trooper Bell had a bullet wound in the side of his face.

"It struck me at first that it was a case of suicide, but then I noticed that he was holding a door knob in his hand. The knob had come off the door of the barber's saloon."

"I found four penetrating bullet wounds in the body, two of which would certainly have killed the man instantly."

Imports. Exports.

Gold leaf, bars and ingots..... 126,007 37,720,014

Gold coins..... 816,017 7,380,903

Silver bars and ingots..... 104,585,113 36,214,014

Silver dollars 33,485,120 9,736,024

Other treasure 2,088,146 3,407,527

Total.....\$141,111,009 \$296,404,478

December Figures.

The figures for December were as follows, the November totals appearing in brackets:—

Imports.

Merchandise.....\$59,110,160 (\$55,110,372)

Treasure.....\$4,683,548 (\$1,232,455)

Total.....\$63,793,708 (\$56,342,827)

Exports.

Merchandise.....\$48,608,920 (\$42,000,993)

Treasure.....\$6,663,845 (\$8,704,041)

Total.....\$55,272,765 (\$50,705,034)

CHINESE NEW YEAR
FAIR.TO BE HELD IN SAME
LOCALITY.JERVOIS STREET TO BE
KEPT CLEAR.

The Chinese community in general will no doubt be pleased to hear that the annual Chinese New Year fair will be once again held at the same site in the city and not in the Reclamation at Wanchai as at first arranged.

An official announcement to this effect was released yesterday by the police authorities stating that the Inspector General of Police has appointed the following places where the fair can be held:—

Bonham Street.
Man Wa Lane.
Hillier Street.
Mercer Street.

A portion of Wellington Street from Queen's Road to Pottinger Street is also available for those who sell cards and other small articles.

The above arrangements, it may be interesting to add, differ from the past year in only one respect—Jervois Street is not included this year. This will be the last time that the fair will be held in the City as in future a new site will have to be decided upon owing to the congestion involved in case of an outbreak of fire.

INTERPRETER WHO WAS
DISMISSED.SUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO
HIGHER AUTHORITY.

Mr. Leung Tun Sheung, a second class interpreter in the Hong Kong Government service, has been successful in his appeal for reinstatement in his position from which he was dismissed after investigation of three charges of demanding money from applicants for prostitutes' licences.

The investigation was carried out by a committee of the Executive Council. In February, 1930, the findings of the committee stated that Leung was guilty on two of the three charges preferred against him, and they recommended that he should be suspended, pending the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies that he be dismissed from the service.

Leung appealed by petition under Colonial regulations to the Secretary of State, and he was informed in November last that his appeal had succeeded and he was therefore reinstated in the service. He then applied for an examination by a medical board for leave to resign on grounds of ill-health. The application was granted, and he has been allowed to retire on pension after 27 years' service. He has been granted three months' leave on full pay prior to retirement.

ALLEGED PIRACY.

TWELVE MEN AGAIN IN
COURT.

Further evidence was given at Central Magistracy yesterday when the 12 men who are charged with an act of piracy on a junk on the high seas were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson & Crist, appeared for the defence of all twelve men. The master of the junk, who had given evidence at a previous hearing, was cross-examined yesterday. He said he knew the seas between Hong Kong and Ping Hoi well but had never seen the defendants before. He did not think they were fishermen from the fact that on one boat there was only one net.

The steersman of the junk gave evidence of having seen the approach of the two alleged pirate junks and he described their subsequent attack when the alleged pirates opened fire on them and called upon them to stop. Later two steamers appeared on the scene and the pirates sailed off. They were pursued and taken into custody.

After further evidence by police officers the case was adjourned. It was indicated that witnesses from the Hunsang and the H.M.S. Somme will be called at future hearings.

PIANO AND SONG
RECITAL.MR. AND MRS. BOWES-SMITH
AT HELENA MAY.

The musicals given at the Helena May Institute yesterday took the form of a piano and song recital by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith. Mr. C. Dudley Bartlett accompanied the singers' second group of songs.

Mr. Bowes-Smith opened the programme. He always appears nervous when he just sits down at the piano, even when playing the Chopin he loves so well, so that the hesitancy which to some extent marred the opening impromptu in F sharp, was in no way discouraging to those who are not strangers to these regular Helena May concerts. What I have before called the feminine quality of his playing was very apparent in this, and the following pieces, the Valse in C sharp major. The Valse in A flat which followed was played with more firmness after a very tentative opening. Of his second Chopin group the well-known prelude in C minor had obviously been carefully studied and was very sensitively and charmingly rendered, the middle part being particularly beautiful. The Ballade in G minor which followed gained him a big burst of applause. For his final group Mr. Bowes-Smith chose two compositions of Moszkowski and two of Rachmaninoff, all of which were well rendered, the prelude in G sharp minor of the latter gaining special applause.

I have not heard Mrs. Bowes-Smith sing for over a year and was much looking forward to enjoying once more her delightful easy voice production. I was a little disappointed in the first group of German songs none of which appeared to be quite in her genre. The second "Meinem Kinde," R. Strauss, did not seem to suit her voice and yet there were notes and phrases in it which were perfect in tone enunciation. The voice that I had been looking forward to hearing came back after the staccato opening of "Ständchen," R. Strauss, but it was not really Mrs. Bowes-Smith to me until I heard her sing the charming "Page's Road Song" of Ivor Novello in her second group, which it was a sheer delight to listen to. "Love's Quarrel," Cyril Scott, did not seem to be quite in her compass but the last phrase was exquisite.

E. M. B.

Programme.

The programme was as follows:

- 1.—PIANO SOLOS.
Impromptu in F sharp..... Chopin.
Valse in C sharp minor..... Chopin.
Valse in A flat..... Chopin.
- 2.—GERMAN SONGS.
Allerseelen..... R. Strauss.
Meinem Kinde..... R. Strauss.
Ständchen..... R. Strauss.
- 3.—PIANO SOLOS.
Etude in E..... Chopin.
Prelude in C minor..... Chopin.
Ballade in G minor..... Chopin.
- 4.—ENGLISH SONGS.
Fair House of Joy..... Quiller.
Page's Road Song..... Ivor Novello.
Love's Quarrel..... Cyril Scott.
Adonais..... Landon Ronald.
- 5.—PIANO SOLOS.
Près du Berceau..... Moszkowski.
Scherzo-Etude..... Moszkowski.
Prelude in G sharp minor..... Rachmaninoff.
Prelude in G minor..... Rachmaninoff.

"God Save the King."

The next concert will be on Thursday, February 6, under the patronage of Lady Peel.

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ASSAILANTS FLEE.

Ho So, a married woman, who resides at 47, Peel Street, 1st floor, has reported to the police that she was at the above address with her amah at 1.15 p.m. yesterday, when someone knocked at the stair door and a voice called out "I have come to rent a cubicle."

The amah opened the door and a man who had been to look at a cubicle two weeks previously entered followed by five others.

She and the amah were at once seized, and the men then produced a toy pistol and a file dagger. She struggled and called out "Save life." The people on the second floor heard a noise and came out. The men then released her and the amah, and ran away.

She gave chase and saw the men disappearing up Hollywood Road.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (Char-
tered Bank Building) on MONDAY,
23rd JANUARY, 1931, at 5.15 P.M.
All Persons of Welsh Nationality
are invited to attend.

E. R. PRICE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1931. [281]

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ESTATE OF L. M. WHITE, DECD.
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Administrator. [290]

NOTICE.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.

THE REV. G. E. S. UPSDELL
has Resigned the Position of
Hon. SECRETARY and Mr. B. D.
EVANS has been Appointed in his
stead.
Communications to the Association
should be addressed either to THE
"HONG KONG TELEGRAPH" or to
No. 2, ROYAL OBSERVATORY
HILL, KOWLOON. [219]

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RACE MEETING must be in the
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Before SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY,
1931, at 3 P.M.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary. [280]

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5.35 p.m.,
stated:—

The anti-cyclone is central to the
east of Tokyo. Moderate to light
variable winds along the S.E. coast
of China and over the China Sea.
Local Forecast:—E. or variable
winds, moderate to light; generally
fair; fog in the morning.

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INDIA'S MUZZLED LIONS.

THERE is a certain grim humour in
the fact that the inevitable out-
bursts of anger which followed the
last session of the Indian Round
Table Conference contained cross-
references to lions. Sir MICHAEL
O'DWYER, former Governor of the
Punjab, declared that "the Con-
ference was summoned to divide the
skin of the dying lion," while a
leading vernacular paper, the
Amrita Bazar Patrika, described
Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD's offer as
a cup of milk to a hungry lion.
These phrases are picturesque, but
apart from that they have no value
and are very pernicious nonsense.
It is the kind of nonsense one ex-
pects from a vernacular paper, but
Sir MICHAEL O'DWYER ought to
know better. It may flatter the
vanity of irresponsible Indian
politicians, who hope to get rich
official pickings in the near future,
to think of themselves as hungry
lions contemptuously refusing Mr.
MACDONALD's offer before proceed-
ing to devour him, but that kind
of bluster will not bring about a
greater degree of self-government in
India. The trouble has been mainly
caused by an educational policy
more characteristic of Radical sen-
timentality than the statesmanship
which secured and maintained the
Pan Britannica in India. A great
class of half-educated and vociferous
persons has been created, whose
object is to play the part of the
returned students in China. It is
unfortunate that both Press and
party politics in India should be
largely in the hands of this most
undesirable type of persons. The
safeguards necessary for years to
come have to be designed to keep
these irresponsible out of office
wherever possible, and to curb their
exuberance when they manage to
secure election to one of the legis-
lative bodies.

There is a vast body of trained
and responsible Indian adminis-
trators. First of all are the Princes,
whose relations with Britain are the
subject of individual treaty. They
have, with wisdom and patriotism,
accepted the principle of an all-
Indian Federal Government, which
must mean a certain modification of
their own individual powers. In
their great provinces under the
direct sovereignty of England the
administration is to an enormous
degree carried on by Indians them-
selves. The judiciary, which might
be expected to be a British pre-
serve, has 230 European judges out
of a total of 2,500. In the Forest
service there are 240 Europeans out
of a total of 15,000; in the civil
medical services there are 800 Euro-
peans to 6,000 fully, or nearly fully,
qualified Indian medical men.

Despite the difficulties of racial
and religious animosities India
could enjoy a very much greater
degree of self-government, if it
were not for the professional
seditionists, who are everywhere
active. India is mainly a
land of agricultural villagers, needy
and illiterate, but the plea that

these simple peasants only want
to be left alone under the benign
rule of their own headman and a
sympathetic District Commissioner
hardly covers the facts of the pre-
sent situation. Roads, railways and
motor transport are breaking down
the old isolation even in the rural
districts of the great sub-Continent.
India, like China, is stirring, and
yielding to the process of moder-
nisation. All responsible opinion
recognises the danger of India
sinking into the chaos of China.
English help and supervision are
still needed in strengthening the
hands of the responsible rulers and
keeping the would-be Stalins and
Lenins in their proper place. The
Round Table Conference has brought
the responsible men together and
they, in collaboration with British
statesmen, are pushing on with the
formation of a strong Central
Government. For this reason the
delegates are already meeting with
excretion from the hungry little
lions, who hoped to see themselves
as either war-lords or commissars,
according to whichever way the
situation developed. They will find
their own people far less tolerant of
sedition than the British officials.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

THE recent visits of Dr. P. FENNELLY
and Judge SAMUEL W. GREENE have
again aroused the question of the
power of mind over matter. Christian
Science claims that this power
is absolute and Dr. FENNELLY, as
a psychologist, seems very nearly
in agreement. According to the
Christian Scientist the will, by a
proper attunement with the Divine
Power, can banish the "illusion of
disease." Health is the "law of
God," and ill-health has no objective
existence. A great Church has been
founded on this creed, thousands,
if not millions, of people believe
in it, and the Christian Science
journals publish testimonials from
all kinds of persons who have ex-
changed sickness for health since
their conversion to this faith. Irre-
verent persons do not hesitate to
point out that these testimonials
bear a remarkable resemblance to
those adorning the advertisements
of patent medicines. The case
against Christian Science is, in
fact, similar to the criticisms made
of the cures at Lourdes. It is said
that there is advocacy of the reality
of these cures by persons anxious
to establish their authenticity,
rather than examination into the
facts. In the Christian Science
journals the somewhat naive con-
fessions of the patients are not
backed by evidence of the kind
that would satisfy a lawyer or a
scientist. Christian Science is, un-
fortunately, not scientific. If, as
its adherents claim, large numbers
of cures are made, the authorities
of the Church should be able to
establish the authenticity of these
cures beyond all reasonable doubt.
There is money enough available
to undertake such investigation.
The fact that this is not done leads
to the suspicion that the full claims
of the Church would not be vin-
dicated by impartial investigation.
It leaves a suspicion that the claims
are considered of more importance
than the truth! That if the faith-
ful believe, all is well. Those re-
sponsible do not, so it appears,
stand up to scientific examination
of their beliefs, as, for example,
the Protestant Churches stand up
to the discoveries of biology and
anthropology, and to the scientific
criticism of the Scriptures. This
is a pity. Truth is better than
illusion. If Christian Science could
vindicate its claims, or part of its
claims, it would be conferring a
vast benefit on mankind. Most
people agree that there is "some-
thing in it," but no one knows how
much. They certainly discount a
big proportion of what Christian
Science would have us believe. To
say that it is only necessary to
convert the faithful, and that the
rest will follow, is not good enough.
If cures can be made by Christian
Science methods, the fact should be
clear and unequivocal a demonstra-
tion as the effects of quinine upon a
malarial patient.

★ News and Views ★

Wheat As Fuel.

The topsy-turvy economic situa-
tion in the United States is vividly
illustrated by the fact that while
there are thousands of hungry per-
sons standing in the bread lines
wheat is being used as a fuel in the
farming State of Idaho. The ex-
planation is that owing to the huge
surplus and the fall in prices wheat
at 37s. 6d. a ton is cheaper to
burn in stoves than coal at 68s. 4d.
a ton. The grain, it is said, makes
a good slow fuel.

The Berengaria's Captain.

Captain E. T. Britten, Comman-
der of the Cunard liner *Berengaria*,
has been appointed to the command
of the *Berengaria* in succession to
Commodore Sir Arthur Rostron.
Joining the Cunard Company in
1901 Captain Britten's first appoint-
ment was that of fourth officer in
the *Ivornia*. He was given his first
command, the *Phrygia*, in 1913.
Captain Britten has commanded at
one time and another the *Aquitania*,
Mauretania and *Samaria*. In 1928
he was appointed to the *Francchia*
and has made two world cruises in
that vessel.

"Alice"—New Version.

"Alice in Wonderland" at the
Savoy Theatre, was one of London's
Christmas plays. The version of the
immortal story—or the two stories,
for some "Looking Glass" scenes
are included—is a new one, and Mr.
Hugh Marley has put in some deft
work. He has also written some
pretty music and acts, with im-
mense gusto, the part of the Red
Knight. Fortunately he has not
been too busy to remember that
though Lewis Carroll must be "ar-
ranged" one must not take liber-
ties with him. Mickey Mouse is a
doubtful inclusion, however. Alice
is played by a child, Joy Black-
wood—obviously very talented. She
must speak up more. Mr. Basil
Cooper and Mr. Billy Collier are
excellent, and the production has
the inestimable advantage of Miss
Phyllis Bedells as premiere dan-
seuse.

Honorary Executioner!

When the occupant of an official
position in France retires he is
usually given the title of honorary
holder of the office, and it is in
this sense that Monsieur Anatole
Deibler will shortly become
"Honorary Executioner to the
French Republic." It is announced
that he is going out of business; and
that he is already building the villa
in Paris in which he proposes to
spend his later years. However,
it appears that the appointment,
which carries a salary of £150 a
year, and £50 for expenses and the
assistants, will not go out of the
family, for it is said that a nephew
of Deibler, whose name is André
Auprecht, will in future be in com-
mand of the guillotine. Executions
in France are still nominally public,
and held in open squares in front
of prisons, although spectators are
in fact kept at a distance by troops
and by the early hour which is
chosen, so that these events are no
longer the spectacular displays
which they remained almost until
1914.

★ Local Notes and Events ★

We have been informed that the
Dutch vessel *Tjikini* has been sold
to a firm in Japan for scrapping.
The boat is at present discharging
cargo at Quarry Bay after which
she will proceed to her new owners.
She was built at Flushing in 1907.

The body of an unknown Chinese
aged about 40 was removed to the
Kowloon Mortuary on Wednesday.
It was found in a fishing net off the
master of a fishing boat off the
Nineties and was in an advanced
state of decomposition.

Twenty-three Chinese were charged
before Mr. H. R. Butters yester-
day with gambling in a house at
No. 1, Kowloon Road, Kowloon.
The first defendant pleaded guilty to
an additional charge of keeping a
gambling house and was fined \$50
or one month. Three men who failed
to appear had their bail of \$5
each forfeited while the rest were
each fined \$3.

Diplomacy, New Style!

Mme. Kollontay, Soviet Minister
to Sweden and formerly Minister to
Norway, left suddenly for Moscow.
According to the Oslo Correspond-
ent of the *Stockholm Nya Dagligt
Allhandla*, she has been called to
give an account of her activities
in Oslo, as these are not thought
to have yielded the results in regard
to the Norwegian Labour movement
which Moscow expected.

London's Electricity.

Mr. Herbert Morrison aims at a
uniform control of London traffic.
Before very long there may be a
similar aim with respect to electric
lighting and heating. Five different
companies supply Regent Street with
electricity and at different voltages.
We have, too, the curious situation
of one quarter in the London area
being supplied with electricity at
1d. a unit, while in another quarter
close by the charge amounts to as
much as 7d.

Le Rugby!

A French Court awarded damages
against a headmaster in favour of
the parents of a boy who had in-
jured his foot while playing Rugby
football with his schoolfellows. It
did so on the grounds that, owing
to the Gallic vigour brought into
play "Le Rugby is not a game, but
a violent and even dangerous exer-
cise," and that by tolerating it the
master must be held to have assumed
the responsibility for any untoward
consequences.

Still More Light.

"The demand in stage lighting,"
said Mr. Ennshaw, "is for still
more powerful light to be directed
from the battens—upon the players.
That is an effect of the example
set by the cinemas. During the
past year the strength of light in
the chief theatres has been increas-
ed about 100 per cent. At one of
the very newest theatres they are
having two new mains put in in
order to increase their supply of
'juice.'"

A Typical Indian Prince.

Among the Princes who have
attracted attention at the Round
Table Conference is the Maharajah
of Alwar. He is the ruler of one
of the minor states, small in area
and population compared to such
important principalities as Hyderabad,
Kashmir or Mysore. But his
"Highness" personality is remark-
able. He comes from the heart of
Rajputana, and the British in India
have always had a soft corner in
their hearts for the Rajputs; a
people of pure Aryan whom we like
to think rather like ourselves. His
Highness is a soldier (his infantry
and cavalry were at the front in the
Great War), an enthusiastic sports-
man (his team won the India Open
Polo Cup), and a fluent orator, who
can make an admirable speech in
English. He did this at a banquet
he gave, attended by a number of
eminent persons, British and Indian,
to celebrate the twenty-eighth an-
niversary of his reign. The Maha-
rajah is loyal to the Empire and the
Crown; but he believes in self-
government, even "Dominion
status," for India in a thorough-
going and unmistakable form and
does not hesitate to say so.

Tutankhamen's Tomb.

Mr. Howard Carter is busy clear-
ing Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb in
the Valley of the Kings, and ex-
pected to have removed the shrines
by the end of last month. So far
21 cases of these have been taken
out, and there are five more to
come. They will be sent off by boat
down the Nile to Cairo as soon as
may be; otherwise the river will
be too low. It was expected that
visitors would be allowed to enter
the tomb from January 15.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The Foochow Winter Race Meet-
ing took place on the 12th instant
and following days, on the course
at the Tartar Camp, business in
the European portion of the city
being suspended; and nearly the
whole community turning out to
enjoy the sport in most magnificent
weather. The course presented the
usual gay appearance, and the
track was in excellent condition for
running. The U.S. frigate *Rich-
mond*, Captain Benham, flagship of
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SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Local.

The Colony's trade figures for
1930 are published on Page 7.
Last night's piano and song re-
cital at the Helena May Institute.
Page 7.

Mr. Leung Tun Sheung, an inter-
preter in the Hong Kong Govern-
ment, has successfully appealed
against his dismissal. Page 7.

Sterling-paid Government ser-
vants are to be paid on the basis
of one-half at exchange 1/6 and the
other half at the current Treasury
rate. Page 7.

The twelve Chinese who are
charged with piracy on a junk were
again before Mr. R. E. Lindell
yesterday. The hearing was ad-
journed. Page 7.

Charged with assault on a bus
inspector employed by the Hong
Kong Garage, a Chinese was sen-
tenced to three months' hard labour
by Mr. R. E. Lindell yesterday. Page 6.

At Kowloon Magistracy, the case
against an amah who was recently
sent to gaol for the alleged theft
of a perambulator was re-opened
before Mr. H. R. Butters, who, after
hearing the evidence, reduced the
sentence. Page 6.

To-day's wireless programme. Page 4.

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R. Abbie's weekly review of
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Hong Kong Tennis Tournament
Open Singles' draw. Page 10.

Latest Cables.

The death-roll in the earthquake
shocks in Java is now 18. Page 9.

The death has occurred at Holly-
wood of Miss Alma Rubens. Page 9.

China has engaged Mr. W. W.
Peter to organise the hygiene propa-
ganda service. Page 9.

An explosion in a colliery at
Chryston, Lanarkshire, Scotland,
caused six deaths. Page 9.

The Australian submarines *Otrava*
and *Oxley* are to be transferred to
the Mediterranean Fleet. Page 9.

Baroness Pauletta De Pidoll died
in the Country Hospital, Shanghai,
from an overdose of veronal. Page 9.

Francis Hunter, the well-known
tennis player, has followed Tilden
to the ranks of professionals. Page 9.

The Arbitration Court of Aus-
tralia has declared a 10 per cent.
reduction in the basic wage for the
period of one year. Page 9.

The Congress Working Com-
mittee at Ahmedabad arrived at a
unanimous decision arising from
the declaration of the Prime Minister
regarding India, but has post-
poned publication. Page 9.

Tutankhamen's Tomb.

Mr. Howard Carter is busy clear-
ing Pharaoh Tutankhamen's tomb in
the Valley of the Kings, and ex-
pected to have removed the shrines
by the end of last month. So far
21 cases of these have been taken
out, and there are five more to
come. They will be sent off by boat
down the Nile to Cairo as soon as
may be; otherwise the river will
be too low. It was expected that
visitors would be allowed to enter
the tomb from January 15.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The Foochow Winter Race Meet-
ing took place on the 12th instant
and following days, on the course
at the Tartar Camp, business in
the European portion of the city
being suspended; and nearly the
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FOREIGN POLICY OF JAPAN.

BARON SHIDEHARA
REVIEWS SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Jan. 22.
Baron Shidehara, as the head of the Administration in the absence of Mr. Hamaguchi, the Premier, reviewed the general political situation at the opening of the Diet this morning.

London Naval Treaty.

He said an event which exercised a most decisive influence on Japan's foreign relations was the London Naval Treaty, adding that it was impossible to over-estimate the significance of the part which this Treaty played in stabilising the international situation, putting an end, as it did, to the possibility of competition between the three Great Naval Powers.

Relations With China.

Dealing at length with Sino-Japanese relations, Baron Shidehara referred to the civil war of last year, and said the events which paved the way for peace and unity were a welcome change, both in the interests of China and the general situation in the Far East.

Japan was not unmindful of the manifold difficulties lying ahead for China, which was now turning its attention to a line of policy designed to consolidate the foundations of the Republic and to secure for China a due position in the comity of nations.

If this inference were justified, China was following a trail once blazed by Japan, and "for China's success we offer sincere good wishes and are willing to render co-operation."

"When China seriously proceeded with constructive reforms and afforded due protection to persons and property, and when her international obligations are satisfactorily discharged, then would the so-called unequal treaties lose their foundations and all the Powers cheerfully agree to the relinquishment of the existing exceptional régime."

Baron Shidehara went on to say that in Sino-Japanese problems, any resort to propaganda or threats would only serve to make fresh complications.

Only by mutual co-operation and a sympathetic understanding of each other's points of view could all issues be satisfactorily solved.

Referring to the Hankow and Nanking incidents in 1927, Baron Shidehara said these had been virtually settled and the subject of cables linking China and Japan had also been settled. The railways in Manchuria were still unsolved questions, but he proposed to exert every endeavour to settle them upon the lines indicated.

"We seek nothing like unfair or selfish terms, nor do we believe that China harbours any design to ruin the South Manchurian Railway."

Soviet-Japanese Relations.

On the subject of Soviet-Japanese relations, Baron Shidehara said he was happy to observe that the volume of trade had trebled since 1924, and regarding other matters still under discussion "we had persuaded the Soviet Government to be as ready as we are to compose them in the light of the larger interests of mutual friendship."

Relations With Europe and America.

Baron Shidehara concluded by observing that Japan's relations with Europe and America were entirely satisfactory.

ORGANISED BANDITRY
IN CHINA.DETERMINED EFFORT AT
SUPPRESSION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 21.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, the Under-Secretary, Dr. Dalton, reviewing recent events in China, said that, generally speaking, the position of the Nanking Government had been steadily improving. "The situation in the North-West Provinces seemed now definitely at an end. Complete harmony appeared to exist between the President of the Republic and the Governor of Manchuria, and a determined effort was being made to suppress outbreaks of the organised banditry which unhappily occurred during 1930 in the interior."

SCOTTISH COLLIERY
EXPLOSION.FIVE KILLED AND SEVERAL
INJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 22.
Five were killed and several injured by an explosion in the Auchengiech colliery, Chryston, Lanarkshire, this morning.
Six members of a rescue party were gassed and had to be conveyed.

CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

NO NECESSITY FOR LEAGUE
INTERVENTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21.
In the House of Commons to-day, Dr. Hugh Dalton replied in the negative to Commander Kenworthy (Labour) on the question of whether the interested Powers had been conferred with in view of using their good offices for a peaceful solution of the disturbances and civil war in China; nor, he said, had a proposal been made to Mr. Henderson to join joint diplomatic and financial assistance to the constitutional Government of China.

Dr. Dalton added that the general conditions in China had greatly improved. Commander Kenworthy then asked if the matter had been before the League of Nations, and Dr. Dalton replied: "No, I am glad to say that there is no necessity for that."

Soviet Timber Camps.

Replying to a question regarding the conditions obtaining in Russian timber camps, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that he had been advised of no reason to take action against the import of timber under the Foreign Prison-Made Goods Act. At the same time, he fully realised the anxiety caused in Britain by the allegations in this connection, and the Government had communicated the existence of that feeling to the Soviet.

AMERICAN ADVISER TO
CHINA.FORMER U.S. MINISTER TO
PEIPING APPOINTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Jan. 21.

Mr. Charles Richard Crane, of Chicago, a former U.S. Minister to China, has accepted the Chinese Government's offer to appoint him as Honorary Adviser to the Chinese Government and he has telegraphed his acceptance.

Mr. Crane prizes the honour of the Chinese offer, and adds that the welfare of the Chinese people has been a great concern of his for the past half century.

CHINA'S HYGIENE
PROPAGANDA.AMERICAN ORGANISER
ENGAGED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 22.

Mr. William Wesley Peter sails in February in response to an invitation from the Chinese Government to organise the hygiene propaganda service.

U.S. SILVER LOAN.

INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL
CIRCLES' APPROVAL.

(Wah Tsai Tat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.

Leading Chinese financiers in the North express the opinion in regard to the proposed American silver loan that the Chinese industrial and commercial circles would offer no objection to it if the Nanking Government can guarantee its use for economic development purposes and its effect in restoring silver to its former standard value.

COLLISION ON YUET-HAN
RAILWAY.

(Wah Tsai Tat Pao.)

CANTON, Jan. 22.

A passenger train on the Yuet-Han Railway collided with a goods train at noon to-day at the Sin-Kai Station, between Siukwan and Canton, resulting in 12 persons being seriously injured.

BRITISH EDUCATION
BILL.GOVERNMENT DEFEATED
ON AMENDMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 22.

In the House of Commons to-day the Government were defeated by 282 votes to 240 on an amendment to the Education Bill moved by the Labour member, Mr. J. Scurr, demanding that the Bill should not operate until aid was extended to non-provided schools.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald subsequently announced that the Government would not treat the defeat as vital, as no principle was involved if the Government accepted the amendment.

Third Reading Passed.

LATER.

The House of Commons passed the third reading of the Education Bill by 256 votes to 238.
[On December 3 the House of Commons passed an amendment postponing the operation of the School Age Bill to September, 1932.]

General Opposition.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 22.

In the House of Commons to-night the Government were defeated in a division on the report stage of the Education Bill for raising the school leaving age. The Bill was met in opposition from groups in all political parties on the question of State aid to be given to non-provided sectarian schools to enable them to fulfil the programme of building and staffing involved. An agreed settlement had been held by the Education Minister during the recess, but proved abortive.

The division took place on an amendment moved by Mr. Scurr, Catholic Labour member, to suspend the operation of the Act pending an arrangement for such aid, and resulted in 282 votes against 240.

Questioned by Mr. Baldwin whether the Bill would be proceeded to to-night, the Prime Minister said that no principle at all was involved in the division and he hoped the House would proceed.

The motion to adjourn the House, moved by the Conservatives, was not pressed to a division.

BRITISH NAVY COURT-
MARTIALS.SEQUEL TO PROTEUS
COLLISION.

GIBRALTAR, Jan. 22.

Yet another sensation has occurred in Navy circles, which may have serious consequences. It is officially announced here that the Commanding Officer and the Watch Officer of the submarine Proteus will be Court-Martialled to-morrow.

Four of Britain's largest submarines, Proteus, Pandora, Posidon, and Proteus, left Portsmouth on December 13 for Hong Kong to form a new flotilla and replace the "L" Class vessels.

Whilst entering the Straits the Proteus collided with the Pandora on December 17, both submarines being slightly damaged.

The "P" Class comprises new vessels under the 1923 Estimates.

H.M.S. Lucia Mutiny.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The second of four H.M.S. Lucia Court-Martials was held to-day when Able Seaman Edward B. Towl was brought up and pleaded not guilty to charges of disobeying orders on January 4.

A new court was constituted after the defence had raised an objection against any officer who sat yesterday or at the court of enquiry.

Lieut. Comdr. Hoskyns again cross-examined Towl, who was not called into the witness-box.

Accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour and dismissal from the Service.

Able Seaman Kelly deposed that when about to leave the mess Towl asked him if he "were windy". Kelly replied: "Yes, I am a married man, but I am going to carry on."

"Found Proved."

Similar charges against Bugler Able Seaman W. J. A. Wilson were found proved in the third Lucia Court-Martial, and he was ordered six months' detention in view of his previous good character.

LONDON, Jan. 22.

The court-martial on Able Seaman Joseph Luck resulted in his being sentenced to six months' detention.

BARONESS TAKES
VERONAL.DEATH IN SHANGHAI
COUNTRY HOSPITAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.

Baroness Pauléte De Pidoll, wife of Baron Charles De Pidoll, the local representative of the Luxembourg Steel Cartel, died in the Country Hospital this morning as the result of an overdose of veronal taken on Sunday on board the Nagasaki Maru when returning from Japan.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Tragic Love Tangle Revealed.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 22.

A tragic love tangle culminated in the suicide of Baroness Pauléte De Pidoll, the estranged wife of a Luxembourg steel merchant.

After swallowing poison she died in the Country Hospital.

The Baroness returned from Japan on Sunday accompanied by Sir Frederick Whyte, former Foreign Adviser to the Nanking Government.

The suicide was the climax to a distressing chapter which began after a definite break with the Baron last October, when she left Shanghai for Japan, Sir Frederick Whyte going there simultaneously.

Lady Whyte and her son had previously proceeded to England. The two families had always been friendly.

The Baron and his wife were known as a most devoted couple. The Baroness subsequently returned to Shanghai and sought a reconciliation, in which Sir Frederick Whyte used his good offices, which failed, and she returned to Japan.

The Baroness left three letters with instructions that they were to be opened only after her death, including one for Sir Frederick Whyte, who declined to comment on the tragedy.

EUROPEAN UNION.

FOUR-POWER MOTION
PASSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, Jan. 22.

The Committee of the European Union ended its first session to-day by unanimously passing a motion proposed by France, Britain, Italy, and Germany, declaring that it had become plain that an economic recovery was being hindered by lack of confidence in the course of future events and the widespread political anxiety, which had been increased by irresponsible "talk" in various quarters of the possibility of an international war.

The resolution recognised that the political difficulties in Europe have been accentuated by the economic instability caused by the world depression, and concludes:—"The best service we can render toward the improvement of the economic position is to give a firm assurance of European peace. We, therefore, declare, as responsible representatives of European States, we are resolutely determined to use the machinery of the League to prevent any resort to violence."

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN
JAVA.

DEATH-ROLL NOW EIGHTEEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BATAVIA, Jan. 22.

The death-roll in yesterday's earthquake is now eighteen, while over 40 were injured, 15 seriously. Hundreds of native houses were demolished.

Further shocks occurred last night, all believed to have been tectonic and not volcanic.

OBITUARY.

R. L. LEGENDRE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Jan. 22.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Lucien Legendre, the American Olympic athlete, holder of the world's record long jump, 25 feet and 6 inches.

Deceased, who was aged 33, followed the occupation of a dentist.

MISS ALMA RUBENS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 22.

Miss Alma Rubens, the film star, was arrested on the charge of violating the State Poisons Act at San Diego, and furnished bail amounting to \$5,000 in connection with a charge of participating in smuggling drugs from Mexico.

BRITAIN'S INDIA
DECLARATION.CONGRESS ARRIVES AT
UNANIMOUS DECISION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 22.

The Congress Working Committee, which met here yesterday "to consider the situation arising from Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration and to advise the country thereon," arrived at a unanimous decision, the publication of which is postponed pending the arrival of Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Mr. Sastri and Mr. Jaykar, who, cabled requesting postponement.

Meanwhile, however, the Congress programme will be carried out.

INDIAN DELEGATES ENTER-
TAIN PRIME MINISTER.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 22.

Sir Akbar Hydari and members of the Hyderabad State delegation to the Indian Conference entertained the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, last night.

Sir Akbar Hydari said that during the Conference they reached a degree of unanimity on the main issues, which he regarded as a most remarkable achievement, and even went to provide food for political controversies in many countries.

Thus reports received here from Angola and Belgrade indicate that the film has just been prohibited by the Turkish as well as the Yugoslav governments although the two states stood on opposite sides during the world war. So far the film has been banned in Germany, Austria, Poland and New Zealand. The Soviet Government, on the other hand, is arranging for the picture to be shown all over the country.

Meanwhile, special trains are being run from various cities in Western Germany to Strassburg with people anxious to see the much contested film there. The same thing is happening in Austria where special trains have to be run from Vienna to Pressburg, Czechoslovakia, where the houses showing the film are crowded to capacity.

AMNESTY TO INDIAN
REBELS.PREROGATIVE REMAINS WITH
VICEROY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, Jan. 21.

The report is current in lobby circles that the question of the amnestying of political prisoners is actively being considered by the Viceroy, who alone possesses the prerogative to exercise clemency on behalf of the Crown.

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING
IN BRITAIN.PRAISED BY CHURCH OF
ENGLAND.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 21.

A message expressing appreciation of the Broadcast of Religious Services was sent to-day to the British Broadcasting Corporation by the Upper House of the Convocation of Canterbury.

The subject came before the Bishops on the report of a special Committee, which stated that in their judgment the effect of Religious Broadcasting has been exceedingly valuable.

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINES.
TRANSFERRED TO MEDITER-
RANEAN FLEET.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 22.

The offer from the Commonwealth of Australia to transfer from the Royal Australian Navy to the Royal Navy the submarines Otway and Oxley has been accepted, and these vessels will shortly join the Mediterranean Fleet, taking the place of older submarines, two of which will now be scrapped.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY RACE.

A "PURELY SPORTING
CONTEST."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Mr. B. Montagu, questioned in the House of Commons to-day, reaffirmed the Government's decision not to participate in the Schneider Trophy Race, emphasising that this was originally intended as, and should be, a purely sporting contest unbacked by the Governments of the countries entering.

AUSTRALIA'S BASIC
WAGE.REDUCED TEN PER CENT.
FOR ONE YEAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Jan. 22.

The Arbitration Court unanimously ordered a 10 per cent. reduction in the basic wage for one year dating from February 2.

The reduction will apply to Commonwealth awards only.

It is estimated that the New South Wales Railways will save £700,000 as a result of the 10 per cent. reduction on Federal awards.

Further Reduction Expected.

CANBERRA, Jan. 22.
The Commonwealth Statistician describes the 10 per cent. "cut" in wages as the first step towards the annual reduction of £30,000,000 in national salary costs.

He says that another heavy reduction in the basic wage, probably between four and five shillings weekly, will occur almost immediately after the cost of living figures of the last three months are issued to-morrow.

"ALL QUIET" FINDS WORLD
SPLIT.SPECIAL TRAINS RUN TO SEE
FILM.

Berlin, January 14.—The film "All Quiet on the Western Front" which is in the main based on Erich Maria Remarque's war story, continues to provide food for political controversies in many countries.

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REGGIE MEEN'S BACKER.

UNEXPLAINED FALL ON TO
RAILWAY.

An open verdict was recorded at the inquest last month on Mr. G. T. Berry, of Great Bowden, Leicester, one of the chief backers of Reggie Meen, the boxer, who was killed by a train at King's Cross (Metropolitan Railway) Station.

Mr. Berry, a chartered accountant, saw Meen off to Market Harborough after his fight with Carners, and later was seen to fall in front of an electric train.

There were several witnesses of the tragedy, and Mr. Frank White, of The Bungalow, Harpenden, said it appeared to be a deliberate act. "He fell on the line like plunging into a bath," he added.

Dr. Eric John Crisp, of Market Harborough, said he had attended Mr. Berry for eight years for high blood pressure.

"No one in the world was less likely to have jumped in front of a train," remarked the doctor.

WORLD INDUSTRIAL
DEPRESSION.GOLD STANDARD IS NOT
WORKING AS ANTICIPATED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Jan. 21.

Addressing the annual meeting of shareholders, Mr. Reginald McKenna, Chairman of the Midland Bank, Limited, referred to the fact that the Bank deposits were increasing and now constituted a record. The Bank advances had fallen because the demand was below what the Banks were prepared to meet. Consequently, they have been driven to employ more of their resources in buying Government securities and bills.

Failure to use the money had been attributed to the widespread feeling of depression. Non-use of the money, however, need not always arise from this alone. It might at times be a consequence of excessive saving.

Whatever blessings thrift might confer on the individual there were times when, judged by the interests of general economic welfare, it might be carried to excess.

Three Causes of World Troubles.

He would ascribe the economic troubles of the world to three main causes. The first was the maldistribution of gold, due to relative inability or willingness of creditor countries to lend to debtor countries; secondly, the public had not yet recovered from the reaction from the American stock market collapse; thirdly, the effects of the long period of deflation in Britain were still being felt.

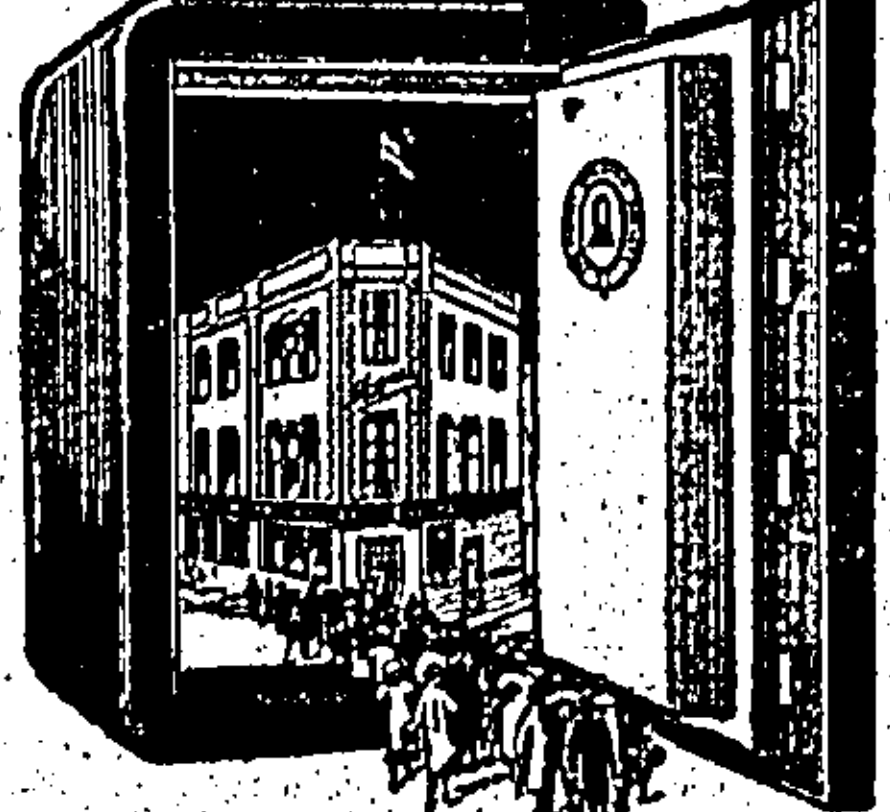
He claimed that if a monetary policy could do little in the present crisis to stimulate recovery, at any rate by keeping money plentiful and cheap conditions favourable to recovery could be preserved.

Discussing whether a recurrence of catastrophes like the present depression could be avoided, Mr. McKenna said that after examining the recent history of the matter he had reached the conclusion that the gold standard was not working as anticipated in the light of pre-war experience, according to which the flow of gold into creditor countries should have caused an expansion of money supplies and a stimulation of prices. The United States and France, however, had offered no more resistance to the fall of wholesale prices than the debtor countries. Moreover, the United States had shown little readiness to lend abroad. France was closed to the foreign borrower, and Britain had too small a surplus.

World's Gold Supplies.

He was of the opinion that the problem of the use of the world's gold supplies was international in character and could be dealt with only by co-operation among the Central Banks. There was already evidence of a general willingness to co-operate, but no indication yet of continuous common action based upon an agreed policy.

The first essential must be a full recognition of the imperative need of a steady general level of commodity prices. Trade would not prosper while world monetary units were subject to such wide variations in purchasing powers.



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THE MAGNET BUILDING SOCIETY,
81-83, HARROW ROAD, LONDON, W.2.
Pamphlets from the HONG KONG DAILY PRESS Offices.

Sports News

CRICKET TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

SUGGESTION FOR A LOCAL "LORDS" AT KING'S PARK.

R. ABBIT'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

As I have never managed to collect fixture lists from the Gunners or the Navy, it was most fortunate that I elected to visit King's Park rather than Sookunpoo, as I subsequently discovered a most interesting match, it was a League fixture. The Gunners won a fairly close game, and until they can lose the habit of letting their first three wickets fall at the same time, I am afraid it will be a long time before the Navy win a match. One gathers that Squire, Jowitt, and Barrett all went in one disastrous over; and Glass was not there much longer, though I confess I was surprised to see him given out. Four were down for about sixteen runs, but Bumpfrey came to the rescue. He is batting excellently at present and will be an addition to the United Services side in the China New Year match. If the Hermes is still here, Wills began to lose his length, and Waring went on with slow leg breaks but met with no success. Musson bowled very steadily from the north end and was turning them from the off more than usual. He bowled Moseley with a real beauty, and tied Brunton up hopelessly at first. However, when Bumpfrey had collected twenty-nine and I should have thought he had got more, a very fine ball from Musson took the top of his off-peg. Bennett and Brunton, however, made rather an unexpected stand, and Baker, who was put down three times at least, also helped. The Navy had arrived one short, and an unfortunate officer had to be dragged from his tennis to make up the side, but he very nearly managed to stay long enough to send the hundred up. Miller, however, finished the innings off for ninety-nine. His figures flattered him a little, as a good many bad ones did not receive the punishment they deserved. He appears to be able to turn the ball quite a bit from the off while retaining his pace. Baker, by the way, played on to one of these turners, getting outside it. The Gunners seemed perfectly happy so long as Haslewood and Musson were together, but then there was a rot. Haslewood alone saved them, aided by a plucky score of runs from L. Bomber. Combey who, I think, had kept wicket. The keeping on both sides was good though Barrett managed to take one on the solar plexus which nearly put him out.

An Unheeded Incident.

Towards the end of the game a little lightness was added by the arrival of a fugitive from the direction of the Recreation ground, hotly pursued by a crowd of infuriated Chinese fans. I would, however, take this opportunity of informing both Gunners and Navy that their very natural supposition that he was referee was not correct. He had been tactless in his enthusiasm for the team whose supporters were in the minority. "Victoria equat deus placuit, sed victa Cantoni." However, I believe Cato got away with nothing more serious than a thick ear.

That Ground Again.

Apart from the interest lent to a cricket ground by the possibility of enjoying big game hunting or a lynching upon it, there is no doubt that there are great possibilities about the ground. They played on matting last Saturday and it seemed quite fair, though the ball popped a bit once or twice. I climbed to the slope above the cliff at the north end, and had a perfect view down the top of the Pavilion at Lords. And I straightway conceived a scheme. The ground should be developed as a United Services Cricket ground. The Civil Authorities should bear their share, and, in return, Interports should be played there. At the North end a small amount of levelling and filling would give room for a magnificent pavilion. On the East there is ample public seating room on an area raised above the field of play. No doubt some form of colouring could be evolved to do away with the glare off the north cliff, while the ground would have to be levelled and the black earth (if put down).

Difficulties.

It would cost several thousand dollars and, of course, could not be taken in hand now. But I can see no harm in having an end-of-the-year work. The hockey grounds could no doubt be moved elsewhere as it

becomes possible to carry out the recommendations of the Playing Fields Committee. Thus in the end it might be possible to provide the Services in Hong Kong with a ground the equal of Mount Wise, and in some measure to relieve the nervousness of the Kowloon Cricket Club! Anyway it seems worth considering in 1931!

A Match Postponed.

The other League fixture between the K.C.C. and the Civil Service Cricket Club was postponed as a mark of respect to the memory of late Mr. Hrist who was a member of the former Club. All cricketers will extend their deep sympathy to his family.

Friendlys.

There were two friendly matches played on Saturday last. The Club went down to Sookunpoo and, going in first, had rather a poor time against A. R. Minu who bowled very well again. Richardson, Batger (who has returned to the side after a long spell of ill-health), Riggs, Green and Beck failed to do anything and it was not until Alan Reid came to the rescue with a hard hit fifty-three that they managed to collect a reasonable score. The fielding of the I.R.C. was extremely keen. The Club again failed to push home an advantage gained. Five wickets fell very cheaply, but S. A. Ismail, who is batting very well just now, held on and, with the aid of O. Ismail and A. R. Minu, saved the match. The fielding of the Club might have been improved a good deal, I understand.

University v. Oraigengower.

Something seems to have gone very wrong with C.C.C., and they will have to pull themselves together. I rather suspect them of being over-keen, which is almost as dangerous as being slack. The University rattled up a hundred and forty-four for eight. Omar failed to get a wicket. Tinker Lee got a couple—he bowled twelve overs for twenty-eight runs, and it was left for Lim to collect three for thirteen at the end. There was apparently a chance of getting the runs, but after Gittins and E. Zimmerman had knocked Baker off, Anderson came along with five for nineteen, and the whole Craigengower side (one man short) were out for sixty-nine. It looks as if University were a more formidable side than one had supposed earlier on.

To-morrow's Matches.

A few weeks ago I should have said that Craigengower would put it heavily against the Gunners, but I am not so sure now. I have already remarked that their bowling is not so dangerous as it was, and their batting can be perfectly 'orrible at times. So, of course, can that of the Gunners be, but they have a tower of strength in Musson. It will be a good match to watch to-morrow as a win for either side is quite possible, and in my opinion a draw unlikely. K.C.C. have at home to the Civil Service, who have out their best team with the exception of Griffiths who is playing Rucker. (The only bright spot about it is that if the cricket must lose him, he may get some of the other centres to realize that it is not a criminal offence to allow a wing three to have the ball more than twice in one game.) To resume, I think it extremely unlikely that the C.S. will beat the Club, but as I did last year. A good deal, as usual, depends on what the first two wickets of the C.S.C. put up. And, of course, it depends also on what sort of a side the Club have out.

Friendly.

The Navy will journey to Sookunpoo and will have to go all out to hold the Indians on their home ground, though earlier in the year at King's Park, they gave them a bit of a fright. I am not sure, however, if I.R.C. will have a full side as I fancy Ramadan began last night, and better to be safe than sorry.

I had intended adding a few notes on some finer points of the laws of cricket but, owing to pressure of space, I fear they must be postponed until the issue of my article next week.

R. ABBIT.

H.K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

OPEN SINGLES DRAWN.

SOME FORECASTS.

Lawn tennis in the Colony appears to be growing in popularity year by year, and if figures are any criterion the tennis crown (Open Singles Championship) of the Colony has become a very great attraction. There are no less than 50 aspirants this time, a number far exceeding that of the previous record.

The draw has now been made. It has been eagerly awaited for by the 50 contenders who will, no doubt, make a study of it and speculate on their respective chances. A bright feature of the coming competition is the introduction of the three-set system in the earlier rounds. This is being tested for the first time in the Championships and until the system will be good for the game or not. It has, however, been the source of attraction, and it is hoped by the organisers that it will tend to raise the standard of play locally. The organisers are, however, to be congratulated on their enterprise.

Turning to the results of the draw, all the leading lights have entered. Many new names are noticeable. It is difficult at present to judge the chances of each individual.

Owing to the changed nature of the competition in the earlier rounds, some upsets are expected, while with the large number of newcomers, a great deal of uncertainty prevails at the present time, as to how the competition will develop.

A few comments on the prospects will, however, not be out of place. In the first quarter, O. A. L. Rummah stands out prominently. He has a large following who are anxious to see him in the concluding rounds. He will, however, meet with some opposition in Teui Wai Chui, Goldman or S. E. Green. The last two named meet in the first round when a good match ought to result. Teui is one of the most prominent new comers. He is a well-built athlete possessing very fine style and good stamina, while much is expected from his schoolmates at Queen's College. A. D. Humphrey's is another strong aspirant.

Included in the second quarter are many well-known exponents. S. A. Rummah and Ng Sze Kwong are favourably placed. Paul Kwong, the Shanghai Interceptor is making another bid for local honours, but is likely to meet such strong players as Richmond and Ng Sze Kwong in the earlier rounds. C. E. Holmes, Capt. Etherington, A. H. Rummah, Horace Lo, T. Akiyama are in this bracket.

The holder T. Honda is in the third bracket meeting E. F. Fincher in the first round. Cammuboy and H. D. Rummah meet in the first round where one of the best ties should be seen. C. E. Fincher, last year's runner-up is in this quarter. He is expected to go a long way. Ho Ka Lau, W. C. Hung, F. Grace and H. Chon should also figure prominently in this section.

Sullivan and M. W. Lo are the outstanding players of the 4th quarter, and it is likely that they will meet in the 5th round to decide who should enter the semi-final. The former has an easier path, but he will have to reckon with I. M. A. Razack and his brother M. K. in this progress.

THE DRAW.

1st Quarter.

The draw is as follows:—
C. A. Rummah (bye) v. D. B. Evans (bye).
Birdos Khan (bye) v. Siow Kim Sang (bye).
E. T. E. Nash (bye) v. Capt. W. M. Morgan (bye).
Tsu Pui Pui (bye) v. Lt.-Col. J. C. Lecky (bye).
L. Goldman (bye) v. S. E. Green (bye).
L. T. Rido (bye) v. G. Lai (bye).
A. D. Humphrey (bye) v. F. H. Kwok (bye).
J. M. Morhams (bye) v. H. N. Chau (bye).

2nd Quarter.

S. A. Rummah (bye) v. Iu Tak Cheuk (bye).
Forze Ali (bye) v. W. N. Petch (bye).
A. H. Rummah (bye) v. D. W. Doane (bye).
Horace Lo (bye) v. D. S. Green (bye).
P. Kong v. G. W. Lee.
F. A. Redmond v. J. W. Leonard.
T. Akiyama v. Ng Sze Kwong.
A. O. Johnson v. S. W. Liang.
G. W. A. Tufon v. D. J. Valentine.
Capt. E. C. Etherington v. R. R. Todd.
Wong Fuk Nam v. C. E. Holmes.
O. S. Fie v. W. T. Lee.

3rd Quarter.

T. Honda v. F. Fincher.
J. A. E. Cammuboy v. H. D. Rummah.
Iu Tak Lum v. H. S. Lee.
W. C. Hung v. F. Grace.
Ho Ka Lau v. F. Edge.
H. Y. Ho v. K. Yoshikawa.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULT OF SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS.

DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Jan. 21. Airdrie defeated Dumfries by six goals to one in the replay of the Scottish Cup First Round match. Raith Rovers and Morton again failed to reach a decision after extra time, during which each side scored a goal. The draw for the Second Round, to be played on January 21, resulted as follows:—
Dumfries v. Colde.
Motherwell v. Albion.
Marshallfield v. Ayr.
Glyde v. St. Mirren.
Third Janark v. Airdrie.
Bo'ness v. Alloa.
Rangers v. Dundee.
Montrose v. Civil Service.
Cowdenbeath v. St. Johnstone.
Inverness C. v. Falkirk.
Arbroath v. Edinburgh C.
Hamilton v. Hibernians.
Kilmarnock v. Hearts.
King's Park v. St. Bernard's.
Aberdeen v. Partick.
Queen's Park v. Morton or Raith Rovers.

English League Match.

In the Third Division (Southern Section) of the English League, Bournemouth visited Torquay and drew, the score being four goals each side.

RUGBY.

FINAL INTERPORT TRIAL TO-MORROW.

The match, Club v. Army, originally fixed for to-morrow has been postponed. Instead, the final Interport trial will take place at 2.15 p.m.

The teams are as under:—
Club Colours:—Back: J. P. Whitlam; Three-quarters: G. P. Lammer, G. A. L. Plummer, R. H. Griffiths, G. R. More; Halves: M. W. Turner, J. W. King; Forward: D. L. Milne Day, W. F. Peers, W. F. Leckie, F. R. Birch, W. Hartley, E. B. Gammell, E. G. Butters, B. P. Massey (Capt.).

The Rest:—Back: L. Corp. Frankham (Army); Three-quarters: L. Douglas (Army), L. Galletty (Capt.) (Army), I. A. Rose (Club), J. J. Ferguson (Club); Halves: L. Corp. Rees (Army), J. A. Selby (Club); Forward: T/O Beamish (Club), L. Corp. Traill (Army), Sgt. Vowles (Army), E. R. West (Club), Lieut. Hubbard (Army), J. E. Atkinson (Club), A. R. Cox (Club).
Reserves:—Mid. Parker (Navy), W. J. Kerr and W. Mitford (Club).
Referee: Capt. Gottwaldt.

The Rest to play in green and white jerseys, obtainable at the ground.

Players and spectators are asked to note the time of kick-off—2.15 p.m.

HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI. in their match with the Hong Kong Police (Intrans) at King's Park to-morrow.

Bully-off 3.30 p.m.
W. J. Scocker, J. M. Purvis, L. Timples, L. W. Macay, F. Allen, G. Mitchell, H. Muller, W. H. Smith, Dr. Ashton, R. A. Bates and W. J. Brown.
Referee: G. F. Rees.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

I.R.C. TEAM FOR TO-MORROW.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club and XI. in their league fixture with the Royal Engineers to-morrow, on the latter's ground, commencing at 2 p.m.

sharp:—
F. M. of Arculli (Capt.), M. R. Aldas, J. S. Akker, H. T. M. Barmas, A. R. H. Eemal, S. Ismail, M. P. Madar, D. Mohammed, A. M. Rummah, A. R. Sulfad and A. S. (Suffiad). Twelfth man, A. R. Abbas.

Yew Man Kit v. Lee Wai Tsai.
Lee Woon Tsai v. Ng Kam Chuen.
E. C. Fincher (bye) v. R. Chon (bye).
E. Zimmern (bye) v. Surg. Com. H. Harkins (bye).
M. Kinoshita (bye) v. Luk Ding Cheung (bye).
H. Owen Hughes (bye) v. Ng Sze Cheong (bye).

4th Quarter.
A. L. Sullivan (bye) v. D. M. MacDougall (bye).
V. V. Sanderam (bye) v. J. H. Anderson (bye).
Wong Shu Wing (bye) v. Chan So (bye).
Luk Keng Cheong (bye) v. Chiu Chiu (bye).

M. W. Lo (bye) v. I. M. A. Razack (bye).
C. E. Hanwell (bye) v. Ho Wai Hing (bye).
W. J. Howard (bye) v. E. Raiton (bye).
M. K. Lo (bye) v. K. Nakagato (bye).

RUSSIA ON FOOD RATIONS.

GREAT NEW FACTORIES—BUT NO MEAT.

The Bolsheviks' attempt at the mightiest economic revolution the world has ever known—the revolution within revolution involved in the carrying into effect of Stalin's gigantic "Five Year Plan" for the industrialisation of the State—is already leaving its mark on the life of the Russian people.

I had not been more than an hour in the Red capital before this fact was driven forcibly home to me. It is three years since last I enjoyed the privilege of spending a Christmas here, and in that time incredible changes have taken place.

Shattered Shops.

Such gaiety as there was then has, with the exception of the theatres, completely disappeared. The brightly-lit shops, bulging with all manner of provisions, which formerly lined the Kuznetsky Most and the Petrovka—the Regent and Oxford streets of Moscow—are closed and shuttered.

In their vicinities there have sprung into existence State co-operative stores scantily stocked with the bare necessities of life, before which hundreds of workers stand in long, melancholy queues in the icy cold streets waiting—huddled and shivering streams of thinly clad humanity—hour after hour for their food.

For practically this whole nation of 140 million souls is to-day existing on a ration of food and clothing.

Thousands of people, including all those who are left of the so-called bourgeoisie, are living on horse-flesh, and only too glad to secure it, hundreds of thousands of others, including peasants in the far-flung country districts not associated with the collective farms, are subsisting on black bread and cabbage soup alone.

Black Bread.

But the great majority—that is, the urban and the co-operative farm workers—are living on a limited ration card which, according to their particular category of labour, enables them to secure enough food from day to day to keep body and soul together.

There has not been a more dire scarcity of food in Russia since the great famine.

There is plenty of black bread—all the country needs—but meat is at a premium. Even the manual labourers, who come first in the order of the seven categories of citizens nominally entitled to ration cards, go for days without securing the small portion of meat prescribed for them under the State rationing schedule.

I do not think there is any actual or appreciable starvation, though I shudder to examine the fate of the so-called "deceased" category, who, because they are of the former bourgeoisie, receive no ration card at all.

Here is how the ration system works. The first three classes are identified as manual workers and their families, who receive the most frequent ration. The next two, brain workers, receive a somewhat reduced ration, and the sixth comprises children under fourteen years of age, who are given a monopoly of milk and eggs—about eight pints of milk and fifteen eggs a month. The seventh category—the bourgeoisie—are without cards.

The cost of living for workers is reasonably low, but for others and for foreigners residing in the country without ration cards it is higher to-day in Moscow than in any city in the world.

In the general market place, for example, if you wish to buy one pound of ordinary butter without a ration card you pay £1 3s. sterling. A cake of toilet soap at the co-operatives—you are allowed only one a month on your ration card—costs 7d., but go to the open market after you have expended your ration privilege, and the same cake costs you 1s.

Eggs at Tenpence.
A single fresh egg costs a penny-halfpenny in the co-operatives under ration, but 10d. on the open market. Likewise a pound of beef is 10d. by card to the worker, but 8s. or more at the market kiosks.

Clothing is still more difficult to secure. Shoes, shorts, sweaters, and raincoats are available in limited numbers on four days of the week, but this means a mad scramble, and again exorbitant prices.

A pair of ordinary leather shoes in the open market costs £10 sterling. Even simple half-sole repairing, which can only be done if you possess a certificate from a factory

or a worker, you feel the need of a new overcoat or suit of clothes or dress or some underwear, you must likewise produce a letter from your factory vouching for your urgent need of the apparel. The foreigner is not too comfort-

able under the new scheme of things. The Government monopoly of the few hotels available for foreigners is complete, with the result that accommodation is almost impossible to secure.

When I arrived at the Hotel Metropole, having telegraphed ahead some days ago from Berlin, I was curtly told I would be unable to secure a room for a month because a congress was arriving and had taken all the space.

When I went to another, the new Grand Hotel, a surely manager informed me I might have a room if I waited till nine in the evening, but then only for a few days.

At the moment, until I can do better, I am living in a tiny bedroom, with little more than standing space, and with only a single blanket over my bed—and this in the dead of winter. The hotel prices for meals are, of course, beyond all reason, the most meagre fare, without wine or spirits, costing anywhere from 15s. to £1 sterling.

Transport Problem.

Transportation is another serious problem for the foreigner, for whereas three years ago there were 20,000 Soviet trucks plying the streets of Moscow, to-day there are fewer than 1,500, so hard hit have they been by taxes. The charges of the few still operating are thus exorbitant, and it is impossible to be driven ten blocks even in the most bedraggled, dilapidated vehicle for less than five roubles, or 10s.

All privately-owned taxicabs have vanished, and, although, if you are fortunate, you may by rising early secure a Government-owned machine for the morning's use, your pilgrimage is bound to be abruptly interrupted at any given moment by the driver, who suddenly discovers he must dash off somewhere to pick up a State official.

State, then, represents the gloomier side of the picture of new Russia. There is, of course, the other side in this kingdom of the future. Great State buildings have risen like magic in all parts of the country.

One of the most modern motor-car factories in the world to-day is nearing completion at Nijni Novgorod, with new housing accommodation in the vicinity for more than fifty thousand people. The vast tractor-roi, or tractor works, at Stalingrad, on the Lower Volga, built under the Five Year Plan, when fully equipped, will produce thousands of tractors a year.

One of the largest hydro-electric barrages in the world now spans the River Dnieper in the Ukraine. In the Urals, over the wide bleak plains of Siberia, and in the Southern Caucasus, Stalin's great industrialisation programme is moving towards its goal.

Even in Moscow scores of fine new buildings have appeared since I was here before. New factories are humming with activity in the suburbs, while hundreds of three-roomed workers' dwellings have been erected wherever they have been established.

To this commendable record of achievement the authorities to-day point as an earnest of better times. They admit frankly the privations being endured among all classes of their people, but that there is any serious cause for alarm over the security of the Red régime they vigorously—and, I think, quite justifiably—deny.

On one point at any rate England and the world at large should rest assured. The counter-revolution is generally predicted in the capitals of Europe since the recent sabotage trial cast a veil of mystery over Russia as a remote to-day as are the poles apart.



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LAWN TENNIS.

HUNTER FOLLOWS TILDEN TO PROFESSIONAL RANKS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.

Francis Hunter has followed Tilden into the ranks of professionals, and will make his debut with Tilden at Madison Square in February.

FOOTBALL MATCH AT CANTON.

SHAMEEN v. CANTON POLICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Jan. 22.

An interesting football match was played yesterday afternoon at four o'clock on the athletic field of the Canton Police Training School on Wai Fook Road East, between Shameen and the Canton Police.

The bleachers were packed with spectators, mostly students and prospective police officers. A number of foreign football enthusiasts also witnessed the game. Several nationalities, including German, British and American, were represented in the Shameen team.

During the first half the Shameen team were plainly the more aggressive of the two. The citadel of the local team was threatened on more than one occasion, and it was only due to the clever work of Lee Ting Shang that the foreigners were kept from scoring. At the end of the first half neither side had scored.

When the second half started, the Chinese pulled together, taking the offensive from the very beginning. Splendid team work was displayed in marked contrast with the first half of the fray. Their work was amply rewarded, and when the whistle blew the score stood 2-0 in their favour.

THE REFORMED CRIMINAL.

ARE ODDS AGAINST HIM TOO GREAT?

Signing himself "An Old Lag," a correspondent writes from Stratford, E., to a London daily, commenting upon Judge Gregory's recent statement that a reformed prisoner is given a chance by everybody in returning to work.

"The experience of one criminal who has repented," he says, "as of many more of this unfortunate class, is that people are willing to help, but never really assist."

"I was released from prison last June without either money or influence but, greatly moved by the affection of my wife and children, I have been trying to go straight—not for the first time, as I have tried before and failed. I have many convictions, going back over 20 years."

"I am now endeavouring to get a footing as a decorator and general house repairer. I have already carried out several jobs successfully, but am greatly handicapped by competition and by being unknown, lack of plan, and consequent inability to get much work."

"I have to depend a great deal on my wife who is employed daily. A man cannot repented unless he gets into regular work, then he will be happy and contented. Personally I would give ten years of my life to get back into regular employment and forget crime."

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

AN INQUIRY AMONG WORKERS.

THE "NEUROTIC."

"Nerves" may briefly describe the subject of a report issued by the Industrial Health Research Board.

More than 1,000 people, ranging from office boys to directors, and including clerical workers in Government departments and commercial firms, factory workers, people in administrative posts, and students of both sexes, have been tested for their nervous temperament by Dr. Millais Culpin and Dr. May Smith, investigators of the Board.

The result of their inquiries is "The Nervous Temperament," published by the Stationery Office at 1s.

Previous reports concerning conditions of employment have dealt largely with the physical side. Here the psychological element has been investigated.

Neurotic Tendencies.

Questions such as the following were asked:—

Are you afraid of your employer?

Do you like your work?

Can you eat in a restaurant? Do you, after shutting a door, go back to make sure you have done so?

Are you afraid of the dark? Can you work in a noise?

"Imperfect mental adaptation to conditions of work," it is stated, "plays a great part in the production of illness as well as of inefficiency." The results of the investigation give "first hand evidence as to the prevalence of mild neurotic tendencies."

Some of the problems upon which the investigation bears are:—

The heavy (and in some firms over-increasing) absenteeism through sickness labelled "nervous breakdown," or one of its symptoms.

The selection, for positions of responsibility over others, of those able to direct without undue strain to the nerves" of colleagues and others.

Women Who Fear the Dark.

The aim of the survey was to find out the incidence of nervous symptoms in various groups and their mode of expression in work. It was discovered that:

Factory workers did not differ greatly from clerical workers; such differences as there were showed the clerical worker less stable than the factory worker.

Students, both men and women, had a higher percentage of nervous people than other groups.

The data offered no evidence of difference between men and women in tendency to nervous symptoms.

Those reaching positions of authority tend to come from the people relatively free from nervous symptoms.

Though fear of the dark was common among women than men other fears were found equally distributed in both sexes.

Seeing the Chief.

The investigators divide the usefulness of the worker into categories thus: adjustability to equals, superiors and inferiors, and to general conditions of work. Here are some symptoms when a person is asked to see his chief:

"A," mildly apprehensive at first.

"B," interested wonder.

"C," shaky at the knees.

"D," will prepare for the most improbable worst.

"E," will feel he has done something wrong.

"F," will feel all right if he has done something wrong, and knows what it is, but apprehensive if innocent.

"A real capacity for directing others," say the investigators, "is rare. Heads of firms admit that one of their chief difficulties is to get people who can manage subordinates well."

Nervous Bluster.

"Differences of nervous behaviour towards subordinates are easily recognized."

"Some behave as if the group they control formed in itself a superior of whom they stand in dread, with the result that they have to prove to themselves that they are not afraid, and in doing so assume a blustering or autocratic manner."

"Others show their difficulties in a propitiatory manner expressed in speech, voice or attitude, and worry their subordinates with futile criticism and tactless opposition."

"The nervous worker is a trouble. An electric train behind it, also crowded with passengers, was brought to a halt."

Meanwhile thousands of people bound for the South-Eastern suburbs gathered at Cannon-street and London Bridge to find the line blocked.

DENSE FOG IN LONDON.

WORST FOR FIFTY YEARS?

CHAOS EVERYWHERE.

Huge areas in South London were enveloped one night last month by one of the worst fogs for years. An Air Ministry official told a London paper that while the fog was the worst of the winter it was not the most severe over a long period. But in several parts of South London the conditions could not have been worse. It was a freakish fog. In great, impenetrable patches it drifted aimlessly over South London.

From the Croydon area it moved towards Sydenham, Herne Hill and Norwood. Morden, Wimbledon, Mitcham and Tooting then got a taste of it; afterwards it moved towards Lewisham and the Blackheath district. Later it visited Hounslow, Windsor, Slough and Hanwell.

"The worst for 50 years," was a report from Streatham, where hundreds of cars and buses were drawn up at the kerbside waiting for the fog to lift.

In this district places of entertainment were almost empty and the entire staff of a dance hall was sent home.

An unknown man, attempting to cross Streatham High-road at Streatham Hill Station, was knocked down by a steam waggon and killed instantly.

That occurred shortly before the fog grew even thicker and all traffic for miles along the road to Croydon was brought to a standstill.

Three tram-cars, their undercarriages overheated by the incessant braking, necessitated by the fog, caught fire, but the flames were soon extinguished.

Tramway History.

A more serious incident of a similar nature occurred in Brockley-road, near Standon Park.

At 6.40 p.m. an empty tram-car on the Forest Hill-New Cross route burst into flames opposite Hirschell-street.

The driver and the conductor jumped clear, but the car, in the words of an official report, "was burned to the ground."

An official of the L.O.C. Tramways Department stated that there was no previous case on record of a car being entirely burnt out.

Marooned.

"Denser than ever before in living memory," said a report from Herne Hill.

Buses were marooned between Moon-lane and Denmark Hill for more than three hours. They sprang across the road at all angles, some of them stopping with their front wheels actually on the pavement.

Outside Herne Hill station, where five roads converge, pedestrians were shepherded across the road in flocks by the police.

Hyde Park Barrier.

Hyde Park Corner presented an impassable barrier of fog at seven p.m., with the result that Knightsbridge, Piccadilly, Grosvenor-place, Constitution Hill and Hyde Park itself were blocked with traffic.

No driver would venture through the barrier, and eventually the pressure was relieved by cars turning round and going back in the direction in which they had come.

With a slight lifting of the fog later in the evening, the position became much improved.

Ferry Mishap.

The ferry steamer Rose, while crossing from Tilbury to Gravesend with 400 passengers fouled a number of tugs moored to a buoy on the Gravesend side. Owing to the fog it was impossible to ascertain what damage had been done, and it was decided to transfer the passengers to the tugs as a precautionary measure.

The passengers left the steamer in mid-river, and completed their journey to the Town Pier, Gravesend, in tugs. Some of them complained of shock, but there was no case of injury.

On arrival at Gravesend the ferry boat was examined and found to be only slightly damaged.

S.R. Hold-up.

The Southern Railway maintained a fog service, trains running very late. The normal 15-minute journey from Charing Cross to Lewisham Junction took in some instances over an hour.

Three hundred people in a London to Bognor steam train were marooned between Brockley and Honor Oak Park for two hours.

The train—the 5.40 out of London Bridge—which left at six o'clock, came to a standstill half a mile from Brockley.

Meanwhile thousands of people bound for the South-Eastern suburbs gathered at Cannon-street and London Bridge to find the line blocked.

"HAIR-CONSCIOUSNESS."

WHERE DOCTORS AND TEACHERS DISAGREE.

Doctors and schoolmistresses differ widely over the theory of Miss A. M. Wright, headmistress of Winchester Secondary School for Girls, that schoolgirls are suffering from a new disease called "hair-consciousness," as a result of the modern shingle.

The shingle, she says, causes girls incessant anxiety, makes them squint, detract from their powers of concentration, and sows the seeds of St. Vitus's dance.

Here are some views on the subject:—

Miss D. L. Beck, headmistress of County School for Girls, Ealing: I have noticed no such symptoms among my girls. Certainly none of them is suffering from St. Vitus's dance. Girls generally find modern hairdressing more convenient, healthier, and neater. I personally shall remain bled to the end of the chapter. The shingle, too, is safer than long hair for girls working in the laboratory.

Miss C. J. H. Cowdroy, headmistress of Crouch End High School: I am inclined to agree with Miss Wright, but I think she goes too far when she says the shingle causes lack of concentration and St. Vitus's dance. The shingle does not fit round the face naturally, and girls are always screwing their eyes round to find what is wrong.

Harley-street hair specialist: Women will always be "hair-conscious," and, bobbed or not, the majority of women will continue to pat their hair. I have found no bad results from the shingle, which has many advantages.

Miss H. Garvin, Kingsley School, Belzoni Park: I entirely disagree with Miss Wright, for I do not think there are any dangers arising from shingled hair. There is certainly nothing that can be called a new disease. In every school there are girls whose vanity leads them to think of their personal appearance, but this is not a new phenomenon.

Harley-street psychologist: There is no evidence that shingled hair is the cause of St. Vitus's dance or squinting among girls. I have never come across a case—yet I see hundreds of women and girls with shingled hair every month. They have everything to gain by the fashion.

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

January 23, 1931.

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Telegraphic Transfer...	114
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On demand	604
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EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

	Rupee, Jan. 21.
Paris	123.874
New York	4.65 11/32
Brussels	34.82
Geneva	25.083
Amsterdam	12.064
Milan	92.724
Berlin	20.424
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	13.164
Oslo	13.164
Vienna	34.524
Prague	104
Helsinki	104
Madrid	40.05
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	817
Rio	47/16
Quito	104
Montevideo	33
Bombay	1/53
Shanghai	1/31
Hong Kong	1/31
Yokohama	2/0 15/32
Silver (spot)	14
Silver (forward)	13 9/16

AMAZING CAREER OF JOHN GULLY.

RACING OF LONG AGO RECALLED BY HIS SON'S DEATH.

FROM BOXER TO M.P.

There was severed last month by the burial in London of Captain Phillip Gully what is probably the last remaining link between racing as we know it to-day and the period of the wild and insensate gambling that characterised the Turf 100 years ago. Captain Gully, who died in his eighty-ninth year, was the last surviving son of John Gully, one of the most remarkable characters who ever appeared on the Turf and for whose amazing career the history of modern sports has no parallel.

John Gully began life as the son of a Gloucestershire publican 147 years ago and was by turns butcher, prize fighter, publican, bookmaker, professional backer and finally member of Parliament for one of the Yorkshire divisions. To the present generation he is hardly even a name, yet he won in the course of his career every classic race, including the Derby twice, and was one of the outstanding figures on the Turf of his time.

"The Game Chicken."

It is just on 100 years ago that he won the St. Leger with Marston, and it will surprise even old stagers that there has lived on to the last few days anyone closely connected with him. Very early in his career Gully found himself inside a debtor's prison, and was released by the kindness of the celebrated Col. Mellish, to fight the champion of the day, Pierce, known in pugilistic history as "the Game Chicken."

In 1807 he had his famous fight at Newmarket with Gregson, and soon after became a publican in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Then he took to racing, and as "The Druid" tells us in "Post and Padlock": "His fame at the corner (the great rendezvous of heavy betting men) was at its zenith about 1830 when he was a betting partner with Riddale, who was his confederate for many years, was afterwards found dead and penniless in a hay-loft. In 1840 Gully won the Derby with Pyrrhus the First, and in the same season the One Thousand Guinea and the Oaks with Mendicant. In 1834 he won the Two Thousand Guinea with The Hermit and the Derby with Andover. For a great many years he was associated with the famous Danebury stable when the Day family reigned there, and the betting that took place among its patrons was on a scale undreamt of in these days.

Very Successful.

Gully and his partners were immense winners on many occasions by the successes of their horses, and he soon became a large owner of property and a colliery in Yorkshire, where he purchased a seat, Akeley Park, and had himself elected as M.P. for Pontefract.

One of the many incidents in his remarkable career was when he fought a duel with the celebrated "Squire" Osbaldeston, who, if he could not have taken him on in the prize ring, was much his superior as a pistol shot. Osbaldeston, however, contented himself with sending a bullet through Gully's hat, while he missed entirely. "Better through my hat than through my head," said the expugilist, as he picked up his headgear and surveyed the bullet hole.

In "The Reminiscences of William Day of Danebury," Mr. Day, who knew him better than most men, through his connection with the famous Hampshire stable, gives an unflattering picture of Gully, whom he says was "of a tyrannical and overbearing disposition, extremely avaricious, and, like men of his class, not overscrupulously nice in the acquirement of wealth."

"He never struck a man with his fist after leaving the prize ring, but once with his elbow pushed half a dozen policemen, who were standing in a row, down like so many mincepies. For what reason he did this extraordinary feat is not recorded."

Times Have Changed.

Gully lived on until he was 80 years of age, but according to William Day he lost most of his fortune before his death. Such a turf career as that of Gully would be impossible in these days. Men no longer gamble away their great patrimonies as they used to do in the "list houses" when the public used to back horses that were, if not actually dead, as good as dead, and the manipulators used to keep them in the market until they had obtained every possible penny out of them.

THE ROYAL NAVY BENEVOLENT FUND.

FINE CHARITY WELL ADMINISTERED.

BUSINESS CAPACITY OF MODERN RATINGS.

From the eighth annual report of the Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, is gleaned some information which, while it epitomizes the mentality of fleetmen of to-day, and their business ability in the field of charity for their fellows, as also the immense advance made in their outlook on life during the last quarter of a century, it also places on record the vastly changed attitude of senior officers and of the Board of Admiralty to men of the lower deck.

The inception of this vast organization from the Grand Fleet Fund of the Great War years is distinctly one of the most valuable services to men of the lower deck rendered by the first Admiralsissimo, Earl Jellicoe; while the assistance which has been offered by other flag officers, notably Admiral the Hon. Sir Hubert Brand and Vice-Admiral Sir H. T. Buller, with the whole-hearted support of the late Capt. Sir Lionel De L. Wells, has doubtless largely determined the Admiralty to foster and encourage the leaders of the men in the—to them—new and unique undertaking of personally carrying out this immense business of service benevolence.

In the lucid and detailed summary of the aims of the Trust embodied in the report, it is shown that there are three primary beneficial objects undertaken, and these the organization carries into effect under the Royal Charter conferred upon it in 1922.

These are to provide relief in cases of necessity or distress to those who have served, or are serving, as ratings in the Fleet, particularly those who served during the Great War or in connection therewith.

Training for Civil Life.

Also, to make provision for training for such persons for civil life, and assistance in order that they may obtain suitable employment after leaving the service.

Further, to make contributions, either directly or through the agency of other benevolent institutions, for the welfare of the families and dependents of such persons in case of necessity or distress.

Great as was the distress among those for whom the Trust exists immediately subsequent to the war, when reduction of the personnel resulted in widespread need, the report states that there has been no material indication of any reduction in applications arising under the above three objects, and it is regrettable to know that it is apparent there is distress amongst ex-naval men and their dependents as acute as it has ever been since the Charter was granted.

How splendidly the Admiralty has backed Earl Jellicoe's scheme is apparent from the statement of the handsome financial grants. When the Charter was granted the Board handed over £31,170. Then, two years later a further £100,000 was passed to the Trust, while in 1929 two sums, in February and June respectively, amounting to £50,000 and £12,500, made up a total of £23,070 thus provided as capital for the work, which action demonstrates most effectively the confidence of their Lordships in the sound sense, business capacity and knowledge, of lower deck men of to-day.

Constructive Policy.

During the year under review the three objects have had expended upon them the following sums: For relief of distress, £32,610; provision of employment and training, £8,089; maintenance of children's homes, £9,070, or a total of £49,769 in all.

Distribution of financial relief is only one phase of the work. The trust pursues a constructive policy in dealing with those who require help—a policy which does not leave the beneficiary in a condition of dependence, but assists to raise him above it. It avoids officialism and patronage, and sympathetically deals with all the cases submitted to its committees.

The expenses of administration of this vast machine for amelioration of naval (lower deck) distress is less than ten per cent. on its income, which, as already mentioned, includes some score of lesser

charitable funds. Thus it will be seen that, as the auditors certify, this is most moderate.

The Admiralty Keeps in Touch.

Some of the other enterprises concerned are the maintenance of Mayfield House Orphanage at Edinburgh (of which, by the way, the report includes a number of interesting domestic illustrations), the support of the three local offices of the National Association for Employment of Ex-service Men, which, since 1922, has found employment for 31,487 naval and Marine ratings—last year it placed in permanent employment 4,600, and found temporary employment for 1,980 more—the Naval School of Motoring at Portsmouth, migration scheme for overseas settlements, etc.

To indicate how this organization for the benefit of naval men is controlled by naval men, the personnel of the local committees is seen to be all ratings, one in each being a pensioner. On the central committee there are fifteen, of the total of 25, of similar status. The Admiralty keeps in touch—as it should, in view of its large donations—by a representative who is a retired rear-admiral, but, as shown above, the predominant vote is exercised by the representative ratings themselves.

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Until a few years ago he was active and vigorous and worked as an agricultural labourer, but his memory failed him recently, and he spent all his time in a chair before a peat fire.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KALGAN"	On 26th Jan.	11 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LINAN"	On 26th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 27th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHENGTO"	On 28th Jan.	Noon
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TAIYUAN"	On 28th Jan.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHANGCHOW"	On 29th Jan.	4 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGTUNG"	On 29th Jan.	11 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KIANGTUNG"	On 1st Feb.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KIANGSU"	On 1st Feb.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANGSU"	On 1st Feb.	5 p.m.
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STATION	MOON'S DISTANCE FROM SUN	JANUARY 21, 1931.				JANUARY 22, 1931.			
		Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Wind	Direction
Windsor...	12	30.39	71.8	7	NNW	30.29	73.7	8	WNW
Namuro...	11	29.32	72.0	...	NW	30.16	73.0	...	N
Hakodate...	...	30.06	73.5	...	NNW	30.26	73.5	...	N
Tokyo...	...	30.14	75.5	...	SE	30.34	77.5	...	...
Kobe...	...	30.22	76.5	...	...	30.28	76.0	...	...
Nagasaki...	...	30.26	76.5	...	...	30.18	76.5	...	...
Kagoshima...	...	30.22	76.5	...	NNW	30.16	76.0	...	...
Oshima...	...	30.22	76.5	...	ENE	30.16	76.0	...	...
Naha...	...	30.20	76.0	...	SE	30.10	76.5	...	...
Ishigakijima...	...	30.14	75.5	...	...	30.24	76.0	...	...
Bonin Island...	...	30.10	74.5	...	E	30.08	74.0	...	...
Chefoo...	15	30.26	76.5	39	E	30.09	76.2	45	ESE
Shanghai...	14	30.13	76.5	45	E	30.09	76.4	48	ESE
Gutzlaff...	...	30.16	76.0	44	E	30.12	76.5	49	ESE
Wanchow...	...	30.07	76.5	61	NNW	30.02	76.2	59	ENE
Foochow...	...	29.99	76.1	60	E	30.02	76.2	60	ENE
Amoy...	...	30.01	76.2	62	E	30.02	76.2	60	ENE
Swatow...	...	29.99	76.1	64	E	30.00	76.3	55	...
Taihooku...	11	30.10	76.5	72	...	30.05	76.3	59	...
Taichu...	...	30.05	76.3	72	...	30.02	76.2	61	...
Tainan...	...	30.06	76.6	77	NNW	30.02	76.2	68	...
Koshu...	...	30.06	76.4	76	NNW	30.02	76.1	67	...
Pescadore...	...	30.08	76.0	72	...	29.99	76.1	67	...
Hong Kong...	14	29.97	76.1	64	ENE	29.98	76.1	65	ENE
Gap Rock...	...	29.96	76.1	65	ENE	29.96	76.0	65	ENE
Macao...	...	29.95	76.0	70	NE	29.98	76.1	57	...
Hoihow...	...	29.96	76.1	70	NE	29.98	76.1	57	...
Pratas Island...	...	29.94	76.0	79	...	29.96	76.1	65	...
Phulion...	15	29.91	75.8	68	ESE	29.92	76.0	74	ENE
Tourane...	...	29.87	75.8	76	ENE	29.92	76.0	74	ENE
Oupe St. James...	...	29.87	75.8	77	ENE	29.92	76.1	74	ENE
Basco...	14	29.97	76.1	77	ENE	29.99	76.1	68	...
Apurri...	...	29.92	76.0	81	ENE	29.97	76.1	68	...
Tuguegarao...	...	29.90	75.9	85	...	29.91	75.9	73	...
Vigan...	...	29.86	75.8	85	N	29.95	76.0	76	...
Manila...	...	29.89	75.9	88	WSW	29.93	76.0	77	...
Lepur...	...	29.88	75.9	81	NNW	29.91	75.9	74	...
Calbayog...	...	29.82	75.9	79	NE	...	...	...	...
Tacloban...	...	29.87	75.8	77	N	...	...	...	...
Iloilo...	...	29.87	75.8	86	NE	...	...	...	...
Cebu...	...	29.83	75.7	88	NE	...	...	...	...
Surigao...	...	29.83	75.7	85	E	...	...	...	...
Maipon...	...	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam...	...	12.22	29.83	75.7	8	NE	4.22	...	...
Yap...	...	11.00	29.82	75.7	4	NE	5	...	...
Palau...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan...	14	29.81	75.7	88	NE	...	...	...	...

January 22. 10A. 27m.—The anticyclone has weakened and is now central near Tokio. Moderate to light variable winds along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.11 inch, against an average of 0.74 inch.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON JANUARY 23.

- 1.—Formosa Channel E. or variable winds, moderate to light; generally fair with fog in morning.
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, January 23.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer...	29.98	30.07	29.97
Temperature...	63	68	69
Humidity...	80	81	78
Wind...	E	E	NW
Force...	4	1	1
Weather...	OD	IM	OM
Rain...	0.00	0.03	0.0

Highest open-air Temperature, 31.66
Lowest open-air Temperature, 22.62
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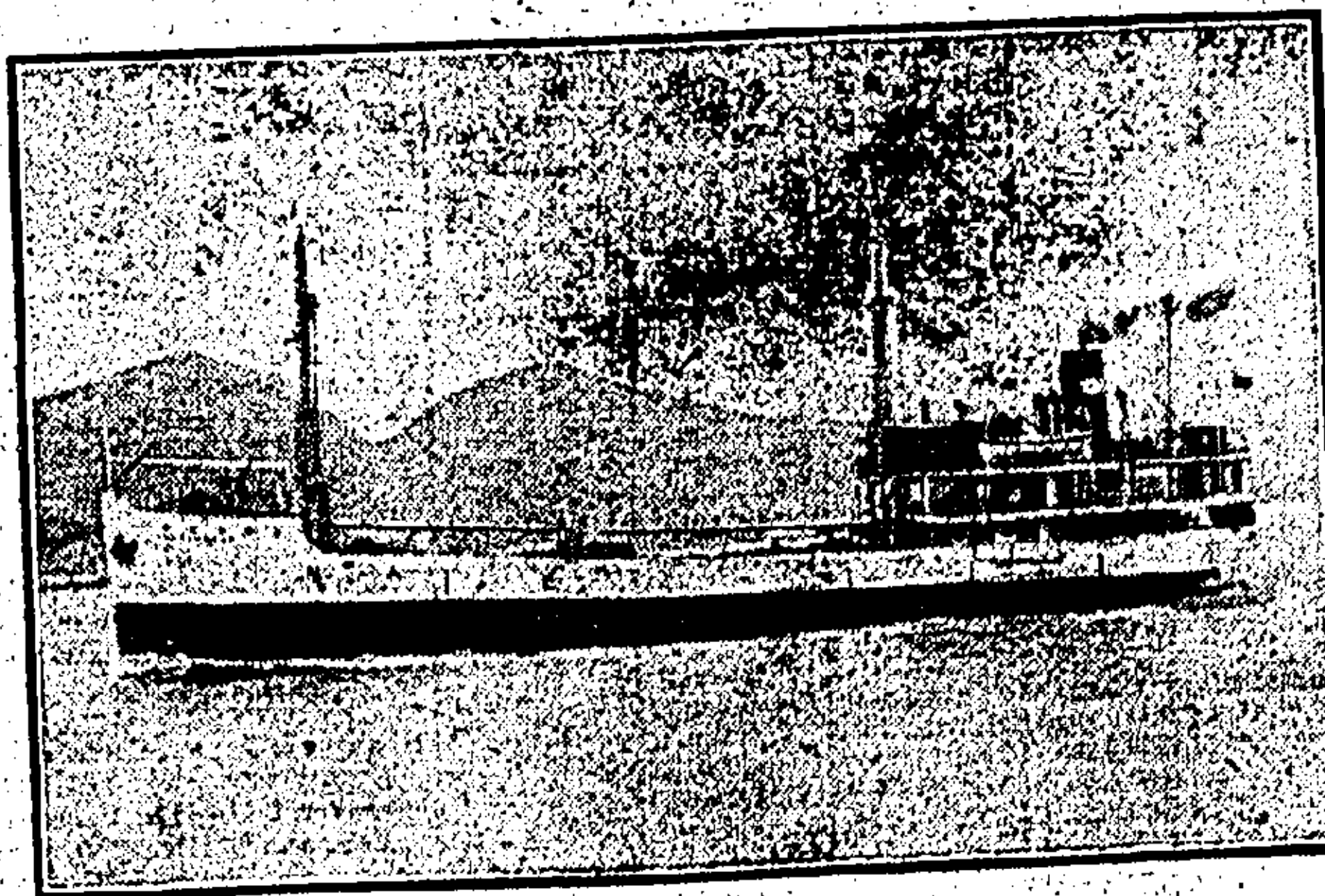
High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water
Fri.	23	h. m. t. in. 120 4 3 m. 8 50 1 4	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Sat.	24	h. m. t. in. 11 52 4 4 m. 7 34 1 8	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Sun.	25	h. m. t. in. 2 3 4 4 m. 8 28 3 6	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Mon.	26	h. m. t. in. 1 21 5 3 m. 7 23 3 7	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Tues.	27	h. m. t. in. 2 24 4 4 m. 8 59 3 8	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Wed.	28	h. m. t. in. 3 43 5 4 m. 11 7 3 4	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
Thur.	29	h. m. t. in. 4 27 5 9 m. 4 27 3 1	h. m. t. in. 5 44 3 5
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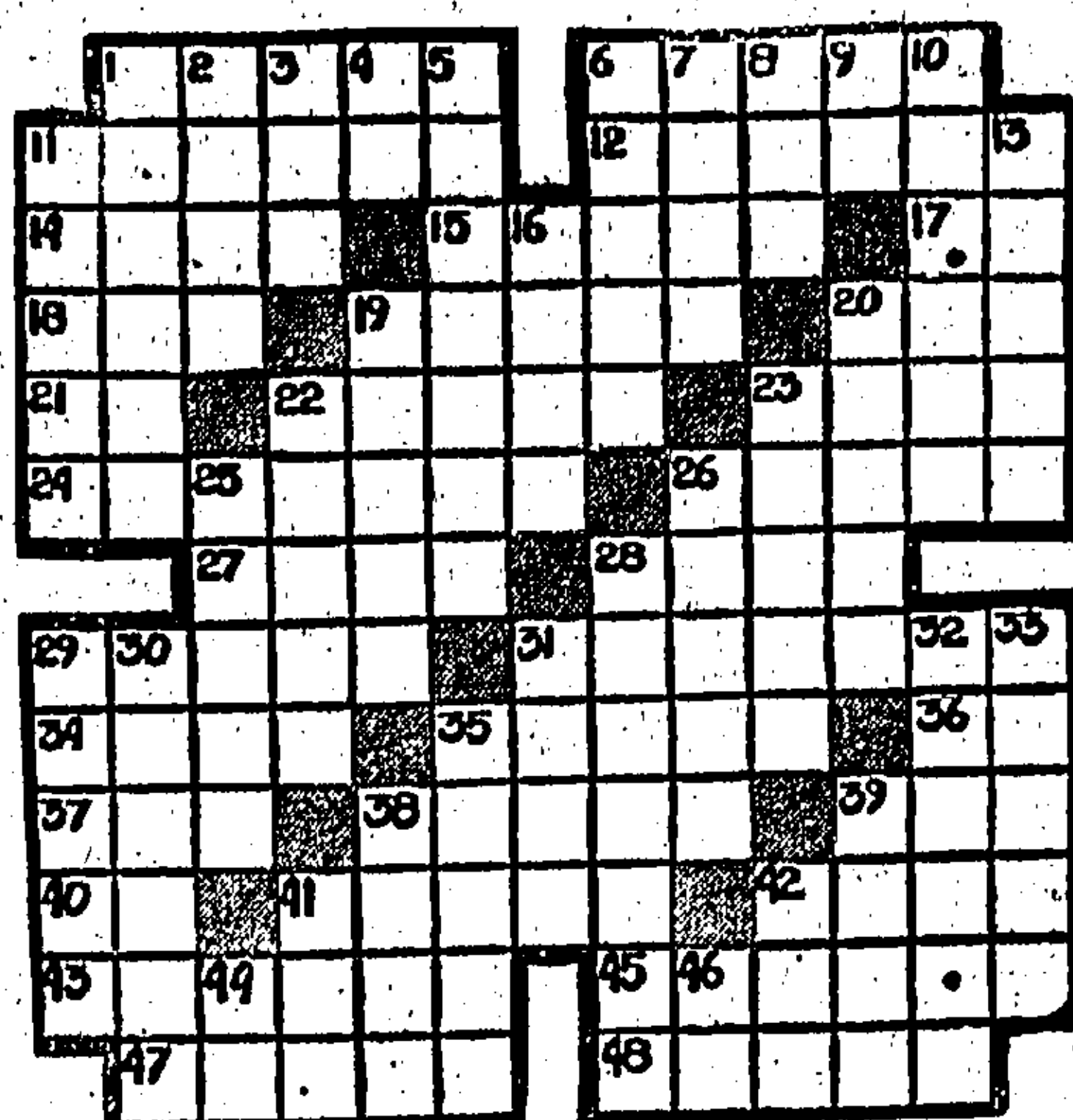
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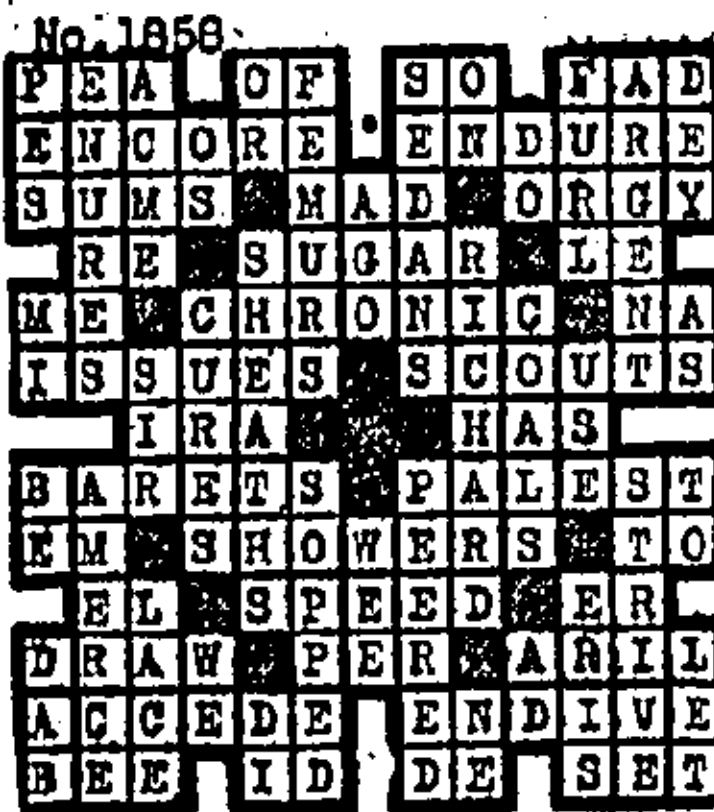


HORIZONTAL

- 1—Substantial.
- 4—Live coal.
- 11—Substance in bones.
- 12—In grammar, without gender.
- 14—Spirit.
- 15—Place of worship.
- 17—Boxing match.
- 18—Everyone.
- 19—To smooth feathers.
- 20—Chum.
- 21—Toward.
- 22—To allude.
- 23—To go by ship.
- 24—More saccharine.
- 25—Money tokens.
- 27—Heavy metal.
- 28—A grain.
- 29—To let run out.
- 31—To break in small bits.
- 34—Carves.
- 35—Burnable substances.
- 36—To perform.
- 37—Basic metallic compound.
- 38—Arguments.
- 39—Triangular sail.
- 40—Name of Abraham.
- 41—To palm off.
- 42—To nuzzle.
- 43—To withdraw.
- 45—Escaped.
- 47—Eats.
- 48—Having time fixed.

VERTICAL

- 1—Of unhealthy color.
- 2—Spoken.
- 3—Vase.
- 4—A negative.
- 5—Stunted.
- 6—To go in.
- 7—Misery.
- 8—Rough favor head.
- 9—French for "and."
- 10—Recover.
- 11—Woods.
- 13—Biscuits.
- 16—Sly look.
- 19—Part of flower.
- 20—To color.
- 22—Rustic dances.
- 23—Kinds.
- 25—Chosen part.
- 26—Fuels.
- 28—Swindled.
- 29—To clean.
- 30—Made cat-like noise.
- 31—Petitions.
- 32—Revised.
- 33—Gowned.
- 35—Small opening.
- 36—Green ornamental stone.
- 41—Limb of fish.
- 42—Wheel track.
- 44—Musical note.
- 46—Musical note.



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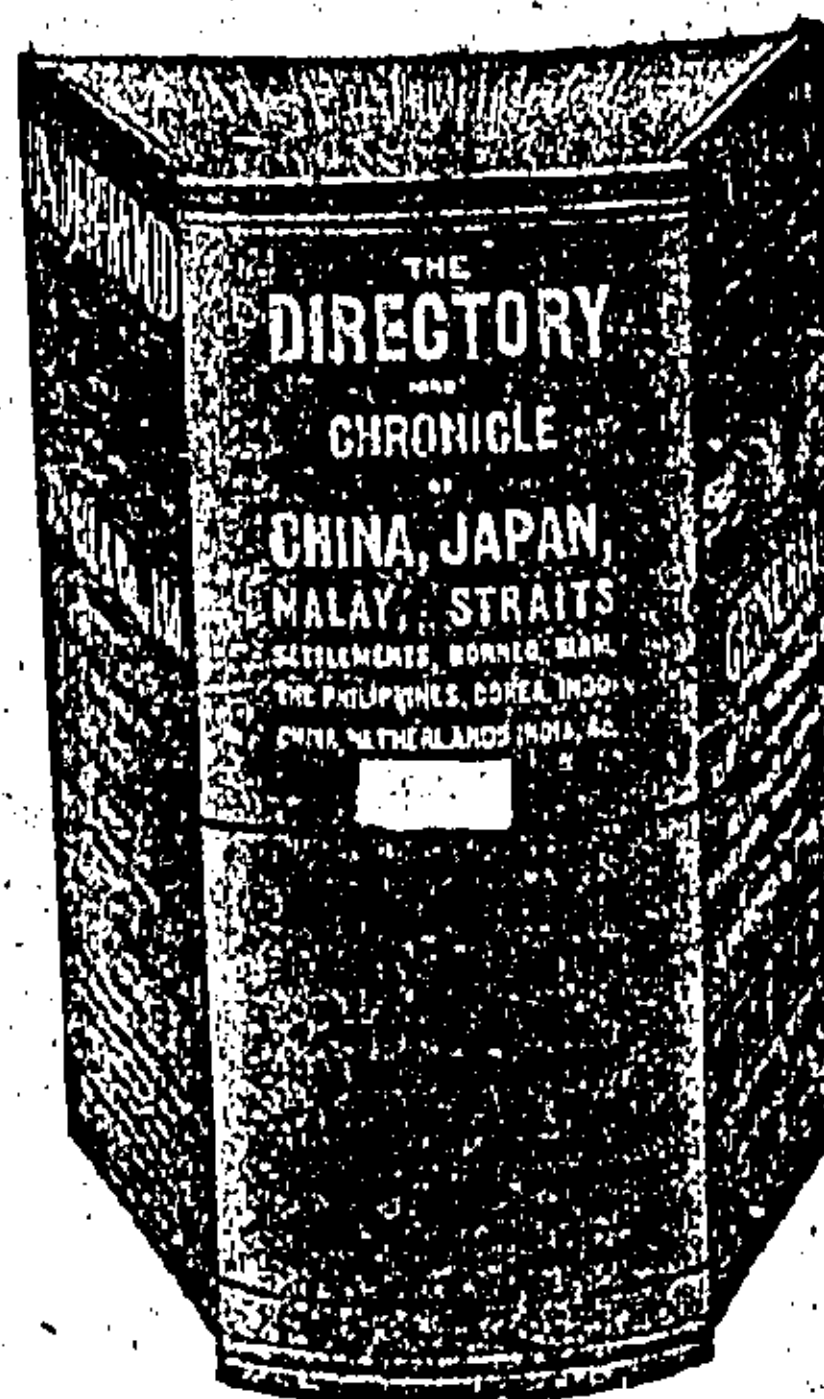
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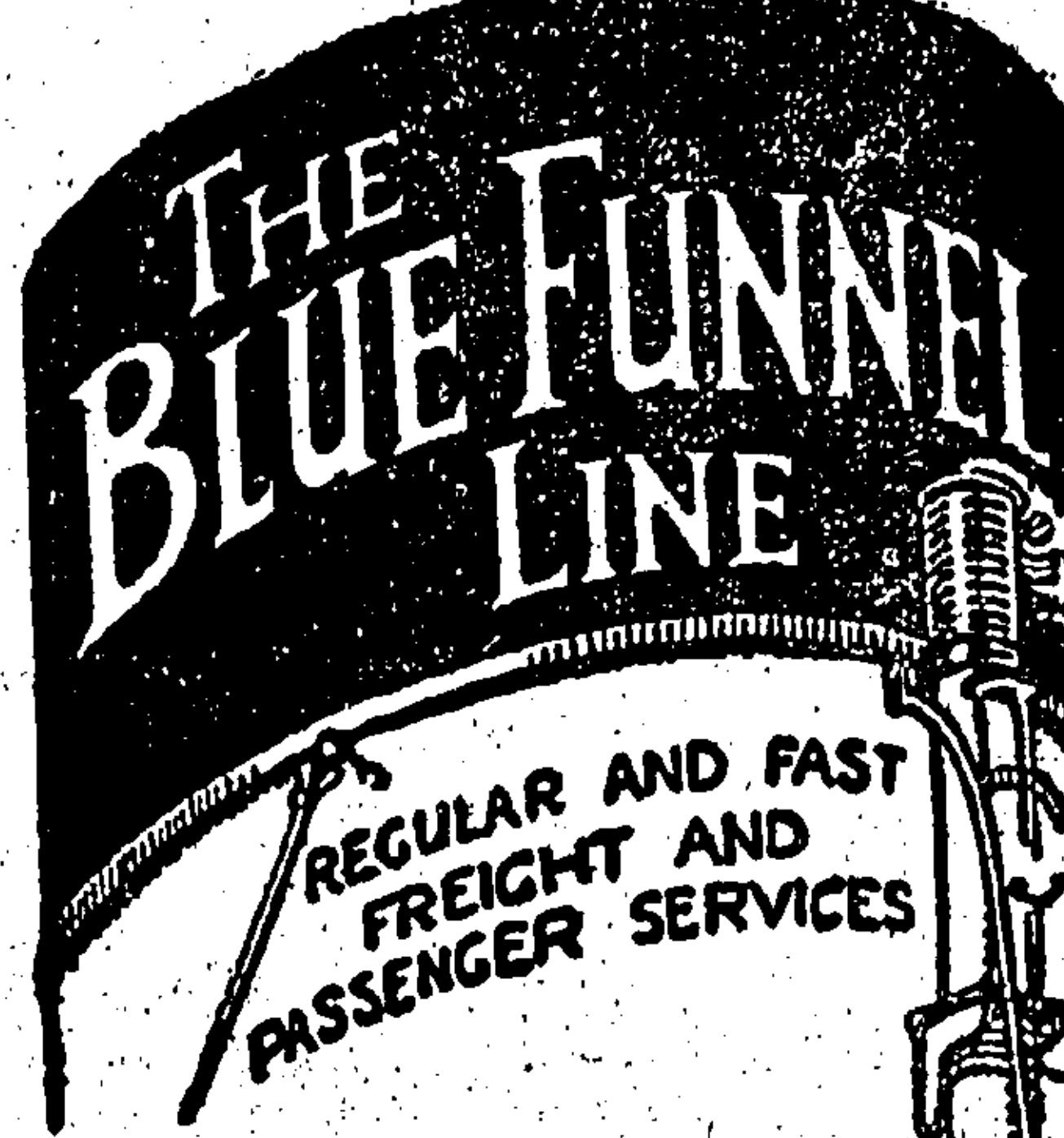
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